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D.B. Cooper allegedly slain Provoan

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two ex-lawmen claim slain Utah skyjacker Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. was the man who, under the alias D.B. Cooper, skyjacked a Northwest Orient 727 on Thanksgiving 1971, extorted \$200,000 from the airline and parachuted into the night.

No trace of Cooper was found after he parachuted from the jetliner near Portland, but some of the cash surfaced along the Columbia River in 1980. Most investigators believe the man perished.

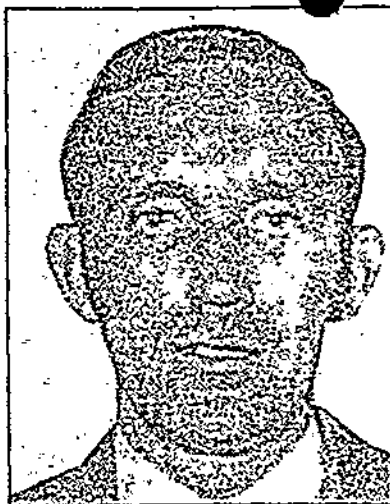
McCoy was convicted of skyjacking a Denver-to-Los Angeles flight on April 7, 1972, and bailing out over his hometown of Provo, Utah, with \$500,000. McCoy was sentenced to 45 years in prison and was shot to death Nov. 9, 1974, by FBI agents in Virginia Beach, Va., after escaping with three others from a federal prison at Lewisburg, Pa.

In the recently completed manuscript, "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (D.B. Cooper — No Longer a Mystery)," Bernie A. Rhodes, former FBI division chief in Salt Lake City, and Russell P. Calame, former chief U.S. probation and parole agent, contend McCoy was Cooper.

They cite parallels in the hijackings, such as both men getting four parachutes, both using the phrase "no funny stuff" in their ransom notes and both showing knowledge of pilot terminology.

At the time of the McCoy hijacking, it was thought to be a rather inept copy of the earlier, greatly publicized skyjacking.

Both hijackings were during vacation time at Brigham Young Uni-



Richard McCoy Jr.



Drawing of D.B. Cooper

versity, where McCoy was a student.

In both cases, the hijacker sat in the coach section on the right side of the aisle, the authors said.

They also said they have found evidence disputing family accounts that McCoy had been at home in Provo on Thanksgiving 1971.

They said they had determined that McCoy purchased gasoline in Las Vegas at Thanksgiving time and that a collect call was made to the McCoy residence at 10:41 p.m. on Nov. 25, 1971.

They theorize that McCoy drove from Provo to Las Vegas on or before Thanksgiving eve, flew to Portland, bought a ticket on Northwest Orient to Seattle, hijacked the plane, parachuted, walked back to Portland, caught a flight to Las

Vegas and drove home to Provo.

Calame said there is a piece of evidence, an object Cooper left on the airplane, that has always been used to eliminate fraudulent claims by people who said they were Cooper.

He said that item has been identified by McCoy's relatives as having belonged to him.

Rhodes said that in a pre-sentence interview with him in 1972, McCoy neither admitted nor denied guilt in the Cooper hijacking.

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Associated Press

Two 1971 drawings (left and center) are believed to show mystery man D.B. Cooper, the first American skyjacker. At right is murder suspect John E. List. The FBI is checking into similarities between the two men.

believes John E. List should be investigated.

"I would say he's a major suspect or, at least, I would consider him a major suspect," Himmelsbach said.

As a fugitive after the killings of five members of his family, List was considered a suspect in the skyjacking from the beginning, Himmelsbach said.

Descriptions of List and Cooper are similar. Both are accused of bizarre crimes, and a fugitive from a mass murder has nothing to lose, Himmelsbach said.

A man police said is List was arrested June 1 in Richmond, Va., after the television show "America's Most Wanted" ran a program on the "ballroom murders" in November 1971. List's wife, his 87-year-old mother and his three children were shot to death in their Westfield, N.J., mansion.

The man, who goes by the name Robert P. Clark

and was described by friends as a quiet, church-going accountant, was extradited to New Jersey on Thursday and in jail.

Although the man known as Clark denies he is List, authorities said fingerprints and a scar prove Clark and List are the same man.

Authorities said List fled to Colorado and then

Virginia and had built a new life.

FBI spokesman John Eyer in Seattle said Thursday that List was being investigated in the skyjacking, but said it was routine.

David Baugh, List's lawyer in Richmond before he was returned to New Jersey, compared the alleged connection to reported sightings of Elvis Presley.

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John List
Mass-murder suspect



D.B. Cooper
Disappearing hijacker

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Have they found D.B. Cooper?

FBI probing whether 1971 murder suspect is the elusive hijacker

by Joshua Cooper Ramo
Times staff reporter

The FBI is investigating the possibility that a man recently arrested in the 1971 slayings of his family in New Jersey is the famed hijacker known as D.B. Cooper.

John List, who was arrested in Richmond, Va., earlier this month, "may be a suspect, and we are investigating that now,"

said FBI spokesman Jon Eyer in Seattle. However, the prosecutor handling the List case in New Jersey said he doubts any connection.

"The D.B. Cooper link? Aw, come on," said Assistant Union County prosecutor Robert O'Leary. "There is absolutely no evidence now to suggest that there is any link between the two."

Cooper hijacked a plane flying

from Portland to Seattle on Thanksgiving Day, 1971 — 15 days after List allegedly murdered his mother, wife and three children.

Cooper wrote a note to a stewardess saying he had a bomb. When the plane landed in Seattle, Cooper asked for \$200,000 and four parachutes. Once in the air and bound for Mexico, Cooper donned a parachute and jumped from the plane

somewhere near Mount St. Helens.

The only trace found was \$5,800 of the money that washed ashore on a sand bar on the Columbia River in February 1980.

When he was arrested June List was living under the alias Robert Clark. The arrest came after "America's Most Wanted"

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a television show that features unsolved crimes, aired a program on List on May 21.

List allegedly murdered his family on Nov. 9, 1971. According to police, he then fled New Jersey and resurfaced six years later in Denver as Clark. There, he worked as an accountant for a

box-manufacturing company and married again. In 1988, List and his new wife moved to Virginia, where he took a job at a local accounting firm.

Eyer said the recent tip in the Cooper case is only the latest in a series that the FBI has investigated.

List's lawyer in Richmond, Va., told The Associated Press he also doubts a List-D.B. Cooper connection.

"I have heard that," said David Baugh. "But I also heard that Elvis is living in Detroit now. I put those two together."

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Cooper mystery clue: Sarsparilla

By Jay McIntosh
The Daily News

Sioux City Sarsparilla, a potent root beerlike beverage in a can with a cowboy on it, is the latest clue in the muddled story of skyjacker D. B. Cooper.

Leonard Palmer, a Portland State University geologist, said today that two cans of the soft drink — along with a Nesbitt's Orange can — were found in the same sandy soil where a boy unearthed part of Cooper's loot last Sunday.

The clue may not mean much to FBI agents, who on Thursday called off their search there for more evidence. But it adds a Maltese Falcon air to the already mysterious story of America's only unsolved skyjacking.

Theories of what happened abound, and Palmer has constructed his own. He thinks Cooper survived his sky jump and was injured. Palmer winds a detective story around what he sees as geologic evidence of how the \$3,000 or so came to be deposited on a Columbia River beach in Washington, three miles northwest of Vancouver.

A "Dan Cooper" parachuted from a 727 jet over Southwest Washington on Thanksgiving Eve 1971. But Palmer said the money was found in soil deposited on the beach after a 1974 dredging. It may have been deposited within the last year, he said.

"Sioux City Sarsparilla was lodged in the same soil that the money was found," Palmer said. If FBI can trace when the pop cans were manufactured, it could provide more evidence of when the money was deposited.

The cash, part of the \$200,000 in \$20 bills that was tied to Cooper's waist, was found bundled in a

pop cans and most of the money were found eight inches below the surface, but parts of the money reportedly were as far as three feet.

Palmer could not explain how the money might have been buried that deep. He said there was "no evidence" that money was in fact buried that deep, and surmised that it may have been deposited there in digging actions.

Palmer said the money was worn the same way as the bills had not decayed as they would have if they had been exposed.

Palmer leads us to believe is that the money was in the water all the time since it has been

Palmer dismisses the theory that the money may have washed up on the Lewis River. Authorities had found it in or near Lake Merwin, a

Lewis River reservoir, but were rethinking that assumption after the discovery of the money.

Palmer said it looks like Cooper landed in the Washougal River drainage area. But after computing stream surface area, he said it was a 1,000-to-1 shot that the hijacker landed in water.

"It's likely that the guy survived (but was injured), got to a stream and dropped some of the money because he was hurt and couldn't hold onto it. So that leaves him injured and somewhere in the Washougal drainage area nine years ago."

Only educated guesswork is behind the theory, of course. The FBI may or may not search for more evidence, said Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the bureau's Seattle office.

"We'll have to talk to the searchers who were down there and then we'll decide if any further searches will be undertaken," Pringle said this morning.

He didn't mention the Nesbitt's Orange or the Sioux City Sarsparilla. The Daily News managed to trace the sarsparilla to White Rock Products Inc., a soft drink manufacturer in Brooklyn, N.Y. Company spokesman John Cloney said he didn't think the beverage had ever been distributed on the West Coast north of California.

A woman at the Portland bottler of White Rock beverages said she had "never heard of it."

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Found by Family on Outing Part of 'D. B. Cooper' Loot

WASHINGTON—A young Vancouver, Wash., family on an outing along the Columbia River last Sunday suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of moldering money—part of the \$200,000 that the notorious airline hijacker "D. B. Cooper" made off with more than eight years ago, the FBI said Tuesday.

With the bills now having been traced definitely to the Cooper loot, 30 agents from the Portland and Seattle FBI offices have begun an extensive search of the area for more of the money—and possibly for some sign of Cooper or, more likely, his remains.

The money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—was found in Washington about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge that spans the Columbia and separates Washington from Oregon. FBI agent William M. Baker told a news conference in Portland.

Discovery of the money by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their sons, 8 and 3, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again.

When found by the Ingrams, the stacks of \$20 bills were bound by decomposing rubber bands, the FBI said. But there was "no trace of D. B. Cooper," according to the agency.

Shortly after the hijacking, a cult sprang up around D. B. Cooper, a name that never has been traced to its origins.

A private club was named in his honor, D. B. Cooper T-shirts were manufactured, bumper stickers were run off and anniversary parties were held.

Baker said in Portland that whether Cooper got away with the rest of the money was an open question.

Law enforcement authorities long have believed that Cooper died in his plunge from the Boeing 727 because he was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped into a howling wind and freezing rain in an unreliable parachute. It has been estimated that he hit the ground at a speed of 50 to 70 m.p.h.

The saga began when "Cooper" boarded the jetliner in Portland for an evening flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. However, the FBI said Tuesday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to take the plane to Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and to open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members last heard his voice on the plane's intercom when they were over the Washington-Oregon border. They said they believe he jumped, using the least reliable parachute.

The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by the Ingrams' older son, Brian. The bills were partly buried in sand that the Ingrams were scooping out to build a fire.

"Here's some more wood for the fire, Daddy," the father recalled his son as saying.

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D.B. and the money

VANCOUVER, Wash. — William M. Baker, assistant agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said discovery of the money ago as part of the \$200,000 paid to airline hijacker "D.B. that Cooper died in the hijacking attempt, have been found on a Columbia River beach near here, the FBI announced yesterday.

Cooper's extortion effort was the first time a jet had been hijacked for ransom. A number of hijackers for cash have been carried out were picnicking on what is known since the Cooper escapade. Baker said the FBI could not be certain how much money was in the packets, but said it amounted to "several thousand dollars."

Eight-year-old Brian Ingram was helping his father gather firewood and had scooped out sand for a fire. As his father was about to drop an armload of wood, young Ingram said, "Wait a minute, Daddy." The money has been sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., and Baker hopes the lab will be able to pick fingerprints off the bills, which could lead to the suspect.

Recalling his find yesterday, Brian said, "I seen that money, I thought, wow."

But his parents remained calm, the son recalled. "They thought it was counterfeit."

The tattered and worn bills young Ingram found were the first to be recovered by law enforcement agencies since Nov. 24, 1971, when a passenger hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727.

The man, identified on the flight list as Dan Cooper, parachuted out of the airliner somewhere over southwestern Washington.

The serial numbers on the bills discovered by young Ingram matched those on the money given Cooper by the FBI in 1971.

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Part of D.B. Cooper money found

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has found about \$4,000 of the money that the legendary hijacker, D.B. Cooper, carried with him when he parachuted from a commercial jet over Southwest Washington in 1971, a bureau spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said a family wandering along the banks of the Columbia River north of Portland, Ore., found a packet of money this week.

Held together by a rubber band, the packet of \$20 bills was so badly deteriorated the F.B.I. could not make an exact count of the amount, the spokesman said.

Despite the deterioration, the spokesman said the F.B.I. was able to identify the money as part of the \$200,000 ransom given to Cooper in Seattle nine years ago. When the money was given to the hijacker, the F.B.I. kept records of the serial numbers.

The packet was found 20 miles downstream from the point where Cooper is believed to have bailed

out of the Northwest Airlines 727, the spokesman said.

He added that with floods along the river it was likely that in nine years the packet had been carried some distance.

The Portland and Seattle offices of the F.B.I. were conducting a search in the area, but the spokesman said it was unlikely that discovery of the money packet would aid in the search for Cooper, the only parachute-ransom hijacker in United States history who has not been apprehended.

Cooper boarded a Northwest

flight in Portland on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, using the name Dan Cooper. Before the plane reached Seattle, Cooper threatened to explode a "bomb" in his brief case if he were not given \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes and flown to Reno, Nev.

The plane circled Seattle for 2½ hours while authorities gathered the parachutes and money.

The passengers and two of the three stewardesses were allowed to leave the plane. The money and parachutes were loaded and the plane took off for Reno. The pilot

was ordered to fly as slowly as possible.

Somewhere over Southwest Washington, the hijacker, the money and one of the parachutes disappeared out of the plane's rear exit, opened in flight. The approximate place of departure was guessed at from cabin-pressure readings on the flight recorder.

The flight recorder and crew testimony indicated Cooper had jumped near the little town of Ariel, Cowlitz County, about 30 miles north of Portland, a densely wooded area in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

Despite intensive searches of the area, the only item connected with the hijacking ever found was a rear door from the 727.

Nothing ever was seen of Cooper or the \$200,000.

The F.B.I. has said since shortly after the hijacking it believed Cooper probably was killed when he landed.

In 1977, just to make sure the hijacker didn't escape prosecution via the statute of limitations, he was indicted on federal charges in absentia.

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In geologist's opinion 'Cooper' money spent 8

By LESLIE L. ZAITZ
of The Oregonian staff

At least some of the cash from "Dan Cooper's" 1971 escapade has spent much of the past eight years under water and only recently was washed up on the Columbia River bank where it was found Sunday, according to a geologist assisting the FBI.

Leonard Palmer, a Portland State University geologist, reached that conclusion after examining the river bank nine miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash., where a family building a campfire found three packets of badly deteriorated \$20 bills.

The FBI said the money, believed to be several thousand dollars, was part of the \$200,000 ransom paid to a man known only as Dan Cooper. Cooper, popularly known as "D.B. Cooper" because of an erroneous news agency report at the time, received the money after hijacking a Northwest Airlines jetliner after it departed from Portland Nov. 24, 1971.

Palmer's research discounted an initial FBI theory that the cash had been deposited on the river bank during a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channel-dredging operation in 1974. Palmer said there were two other distinct layers of sand and sediment on top of the material dredged from the river.

The money was found in a layer of coarse sand ranging from several inches to 4 feet thick, Palmer said. He said the top layer of sand probably was deposited by wave action caused by passing ships.

Palmer said he believed the money found its way into the water not long after the hijacking, because it would have deteriorated within weeks if left exposed on the surface.

Palmer offered a theory for what happened, based on what little evidence exists and on geological information. It

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FBI ending hunt for Cooper cash

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The search along a Columbia River beach for more money from the D.B. Cooper hijacking eight years ago probably will be suspended after today, FBI officials said Thursday.

Meanwhile, a geologist concluded that several thousand dollars found Sunday by an 8-year-old boy on a family picnic was deposited on the beach in the past year or two.

FBI agents continued to dig for more of the \$200,000 that Cooper took with him when he bailed out of a plane on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971.

The search began Tuesday along the river's north shore, about three miles southwest of downtown Vancouver. Additional scraps of money were found on Wednesday.

A man whose passenger list was signed "Dan Cooper" left a Northwest Airlines plane that was bound for Reno, Nev., from Seattle after he displayed what appeared to be a bomb and obtained a package of \$20 bills and three parachutes.

FBI agents believed he left the plane, during a storm, about 20 miles northeast of where the crumbled and weathered bills were found.

It is the nation's only unsolved hijacking.

"We'll work today and tomorrow and probably knock it off and bring my troops back up here and reassess the situation," said Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office which took over the search operations.

"Some of the area is inaccessible and there's no way we can search the whole river," Pringle said.

He said geologist Leonard Palmer of Portland State University concluded that the dredging operation in 1974 did not put the money onto the beach, because the bills were found above clay deposits put on the banks by the dredge.

Brian Ingram, when scooping out a place for a campfire, found the money, tied together by rubber bands in three clumps, under a thin layer of sand.

The bills were matched to the Cooper loot by serial numbers.

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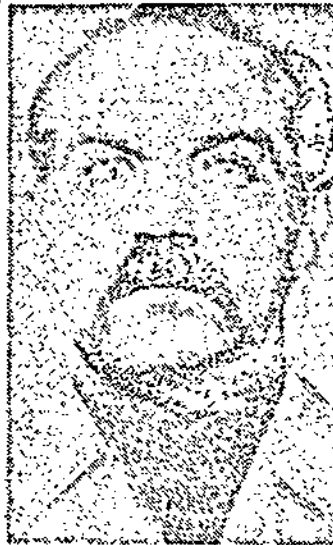
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 RICHMOND, VA.

BY DAVE RILEY

VIRGINIA BEACH (AP) — Richard Floyd McCoy and Melvin Dale Walker kept to themselves when they were staying in the ranch-style house they rented in a peaceful subdivision here.

Neighbors had little contact with the two, except for an occasional passing greeting or a friendly wave as McCoy jogged through the neighborhood. One of the men once offered to help fix a neighbor's car.

Then late Saturday night, FBI agents swooped down on the rented house after three days of surveillance. Shots were fired. McCoy was killed and Walker arrested.



MELVIN WALKER
 In Custody



RICHARD F. MCCOY
 Deed in Incident

'THEY SEEMED SO NICE'

"I just can't believe it. They seemed so nice," said one neighbor after discovering that McCoy was a convicted skyjacker who once bailed out of a jetliner with \$500,000 ransom and that Walker was a bank robber on the FBI's 10-most-wanted list.

Federal agents say the men were using the house in the quiet middle class neighborhood a few miles from the oceanfront as an occasional hideout.

Both had been the objects of a

nationwide manhunt since they fled from a federal prison in a rain of gunfire three months ago.

FBI agents were staked out inside the rented house and

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Janssen dies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — Screen actor-TV star David Janssen died of a massive heart attack at his Malibu Beach home today. He was 43.

A family spokesman said the dark-haired star of the TV series, "The Fugitive" and, more recently, "Harry O.," suffered a coronary attack about 4 a.m. and was taken to Santa Monica Mercy hospital where he was pronounced dead.

His long-time friend and fellow actor, Stuart Whitman, was among the first to know of his death this morning when he drove past the Janssen's beach home at 4:30 a.m. to find paramedic and fire trucks parked at the house.

Hey, D.B. Cooper. . .

We found your

Youth digs rotting bills out of sand

now in trying to locate D.B. Cooper or any remains that might be in the area," he said.

The money was discovered Sunday by young Brian Ingram beneath a layer of sand as his family picnicked along the Columbia, five miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash.

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By BOB BAUM
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy has uncovered part of a ransom missing since the only unsolved hijacking in U.S. history — but officials say the whereabouts of the legendary sky pirate D.B. Cooper are still a matter of conjecture.

The three bundles of weathered \$20 bills found along the Columbia River are the first evidence uncovered since Thanksgiving eve, 1971, when Cooper bailed out of a jet over southwestern Washington with \$200,000 tied to his waist.

It was the first case of a hijacking for money.

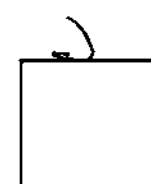
The FBI on Tuesday identified the cash through serial numbers. Bill Baker, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said the



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Curse of D.B.

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Misfortune Dogs the Family That Found Part of Skyjacker's Money

By Michael Sweeney

Harold Dwayne Ingram, 28, father of the 8-year-old boy who found part of skyjacker D.B. Cooper's ransom money last month, has been arrested in Vancouver, Wash., on a fugitive warrant from Oklahoma.

The warrant charges Ingram with unlawfully removing mortgaged property from the state of Oklahoma — a felony charge that carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

Clark County sheriff's deputies arrested Ingram at his rented home in Vancouver Monday afternoon. He was released Tuesday night after a local bail bondsman posted Ingram's \$500 bail, sheriff's deputies said.

Kathy Kelly, a legal assistant in the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office, said Ingram is scheduled to appear in county district court April 17 for an identification hearing to determine if he is, in fact, the same Harold Ingram sought in Oklahoma.

If he is, Kelly said, Oklahoma authorities will have 60

HAROLD INGRAM:
"This is no big thing.
At least I hope it's
not."



days to file extradition papers to force Ingram's return to Oklahoma for trial.

Kelly said court documents filed by authorities in Pittsburg County, Okla., last April charge that Ingram owed \$618 then on a used car purchased a month earlier in McAlester, Okla.

The warrant for Ingram's arrest was filed last month, after Pittsburg County District Attorney Don Roberts recognized newspaper photos of Ingram that circulated nationwide in the wake of his family's discovery of a portion of D.B. Cooper's loot.

Cooper parachuted into a freezing rainstorm over Southwest Washington with \$200,000 after hijacking a Seattle-bound Northwest Airlines plane Nov. 24, 1971.

Ingram's son, Brian, unearthed several thousand dollars of the ransom money Feb. 10, as he dug a fire pit in the sand along the banks of the Columbia River downstream from Vancouver.

The next day, Ingram turned the money over to the FBI, which announced the find with great fanfare at a press conference featuring the Ingram family.

"Several of us read the paper and recognized him," Roberts told The Associated Press. "We had a warrant sworn out to have him brought back."

Ingram's arrest is the latest in a string of reversals that have followed his family's brief glow in the limelight.

Two weeks after the money was discovered, Ingram's wife, Patricia, reported that her husband was forced to give up 1½ days of pay — about \$100 — in order to

return the money and attend the FBI's press conference.

"We live from paycheck to paycheck, and we could sure use that \$100," she told The Post-Intelligencer at the time.

Mrs. Ingram told The P-I that recovery of the skyjack loot also resulted in family strife that arose when a relative tried to take credit for finding the money.

Late Saturday night, about 35 hours before Ingram was arrested, a fire broke out in an upstairs bedroom of the Ingram home and caused \$1,000 damage before Vancouver firefighters could put it out.

Vancouver Fire Marshal Gordon Gage said the blaze was caused by a short in an extension cord.

And as of yesterday, Ingram had missed three days of work this week at the U-Card Concrete Manufacturing Co. in Vancouver.

"We're trying to reach him, because we really want to help him," U-Card owner Joe Tanner said yesterday.

Tanner said his firm intends to advance Ingram the money "to get this thing in Oklahoma squared away."

"We think he's getting a bum rap," Tanner said.

"I'm from Texas, and I've got a little knowledge about these Southern redneck laws that let a D.A. help businessmen collect their debts," he said.

"I've been told he (Ingram) has been making payments on this car loan, and he's only a couple of payments behind," Tanner said.

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Worst may be lover

By CYNTHIA TANK
Columbian Staff Writer

"I hate to think the thoughts people will be thinking about me all over the United States," said Harold Dwayne Ingram as he sat in his boss's office Thursday afternoon.

The 28-year-old Vancouver resident said he now regrets his 8-year-old son Brian's finding of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom money last month.

"I regret it for myself, but not for Brian," who, he said, has enjoyed all the attention.

Brian and his family made national headlines after a family outing on a Columbia River beach near Vancouver Feb. 10 turned into a major media and FBI event. Brian was preparing a campfire when he scooped out about \$5,000 of the \$200,000 Cooper had demanded and received before jumping out of an airliner in 1971.

Since last month Ingram has:

○ Lost 1½ days pay — about \$100 — in order to return the money and attend an FBI press conference.

○ Watched as a fire caused about \$1,000 damage to the upper floor of his home at 1500 Markle St. Saturday.

○ Been arrested Monday on an Oklahoma warrant alleging he left that state unlawfully

with mortgaged property — a car.

Officials in Oklahoma said they recognized Ingram from newspaper photographs that appeared after the famous find. Ingram had been wanted for about six months before the story first appeared in the paper, they said.

The warrant was issued because Ingram allegedly is behind in payments for his car.

"I have every receipt," Ingram said Thursday. "I don't have a payment due on that car until the 20th of next month."

"I feel confused, really confused," Ingram said Thursday. "And I feel pretty unlucky. I'm not angry; I'm kind of hurt. I really care what people think about me."

Ingram said he bought his car from a new car salesman, paid \$200 or \$300 down, and arranged for financing. He said he notified the finance company when he and his family moved here from Oklahoma last winter.

His arrest Monday was an unhappy surprise, he said.

"I had no idea I had a warrant on me," he said. "That's obvious, or I wouldn't be flashing my face all over the world."

He might have been late with a payment or two, he said, "but rich people do that, too, don't they?"

But things were looking up for Ingram

today. His boss and attorney, Joe Tanner, said this morning he has been told by the Pittsburg County, Okla., district attorney that that office now has verification of Ingram's car payments. Ingram, in fact, is paid ahead to July on the car, Tanner said.

Tanner said a few details need to be worked out, but when they are the district attorney has told him the charges will be dropped. That will not occur until Monday, Tanner said he was told. The district attorney was unavailable for comment this morning.

As for Ingram's other bad fortune, just before midnight Saturday, two bedrooms on the upper floor burned, and his landlord — who bailed him out of jail Tuesday — started remodeling the next day.

Tanner, vice president of U-Cart Concrete Systems Inc. of Vancouver, where Ingram is employed, said the company is behind him. Tanner, a lawyer, said he will represent Ingram without charge.

Until the charges against him are dropped, Ingram faces an April 17 identification hearing in Clark County District Court.

"These people are great here," Ingram said of his fellow employees. "They want to back me 100 percent."

"He's been treated unfairly," Tanner said.

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Re San Francisco telephone call to Seattle, dated 3/5/80.

Being forwarded to the Seattle Office is one copy each of the following:

A letter dated 2/20/80 from [redacted] showing a xerox copy of a twenty dollar bill marked exhibit "A".

A xerox copy of a letter dated 3/6/80 to the FBI from [redacted] and a copy of an article captioned "Take the money and jump-how he foiled FBI," dated May 12-18-Berkeley Barb.

As mentioned in referenced telephone call the San Francisco Office contacted [redacted] after the receipt of his first letter of 2/20/80. [redacted] stated that he had obtained the plate of the twenty dollar bill which was published in the Berkeley Barb sometime in November, 1972.

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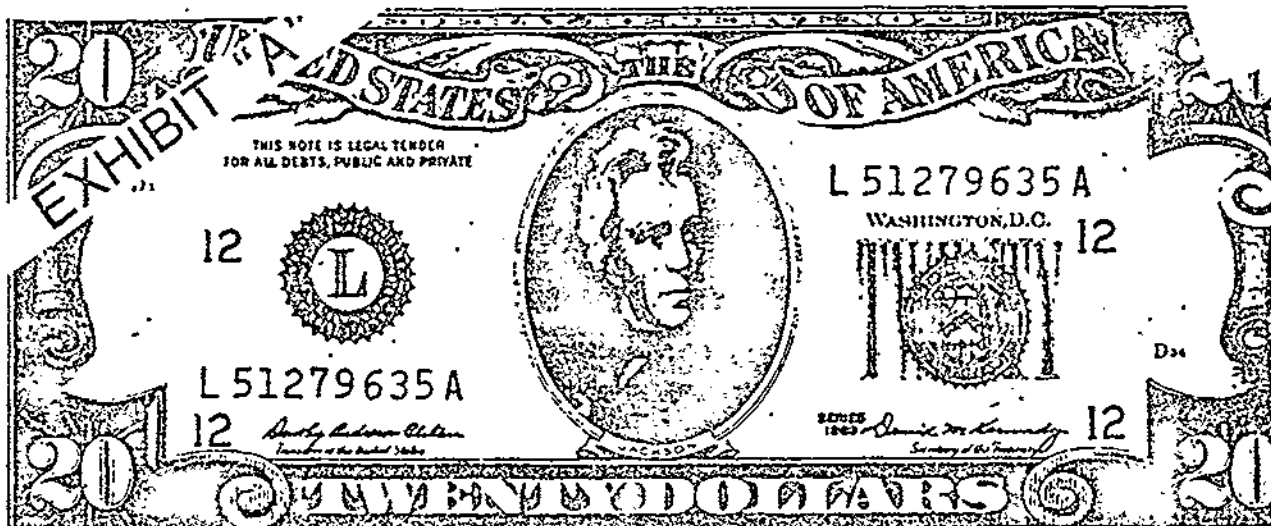
I wonder whether the serial numbers correspond
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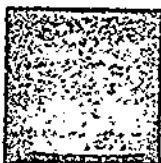
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HOW HE FOILED FBI

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Last November 24th, a man identifying himself as 'D.B. Cooper' parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 jetliner between Seattle and Reno Nevada with a parcel containing 10,000 twenty dollar bills which was the ransom money that had been delivered to him while he held the planes crew hostage at the Seattle-Tacoma international airport.

The F.B.I. and other state and local law enforcement agents assisted by companies of G.I.'s from Fort Lewis have futilely wasted many hours and thousands of taxpayers dollars looking for cooper.

So far Cooper has successfully eluded his following in the same ingenious manner that he pulled off his skyjack caper, coolly staying a safe distance away from danger.

The F.B.I. headquarters in Seattle has vowed to scrutinize every foot of land between the Sea-Tac airport and Reno to turn up clues in the case.

Despite rewards of 5,000 dollars by the Media's "Fink on your Friends" program the public has generally granted Cooper adoration and somewhat a hero status.

An anonymous interviewer from the twice weekly newspaper the 'Seattle Flag' has produced a story from a taped interview with D.B. Cooper which is validated by the presentation of one of the recorded twenty dollar bills included in the ransom money.

This story was run in the 'Flag' because the interviewer was unable to send it to the 'Post-Intelligencer' because they had the 5,000 dollar reward out for Coopers head also television stations would have requested a tape from which voice prints could possibly be produced. Therefore, running the story in the Flag was the only solution.

Cooper said that the witnesses description were off by about fifteen pounds and a couple of inches. Also that the artist's impression were very poor. When asked why we was still in Washington state he added that he felt it was safer to hide where no one would imagine him to be rather than to go to some place like Mexico or South America where the authorities would naturally expect him to go.

He said he started actual work on his skyjacking plan last June. The idea came to him while he was

It was a calculated risk that's why he jumped in bad weather and at night, also he waited a little longer than usual before pulling his ripcord. Adding that his free fall was about 5,000 of the total 7,000 feet. Which was very risky doing at night.

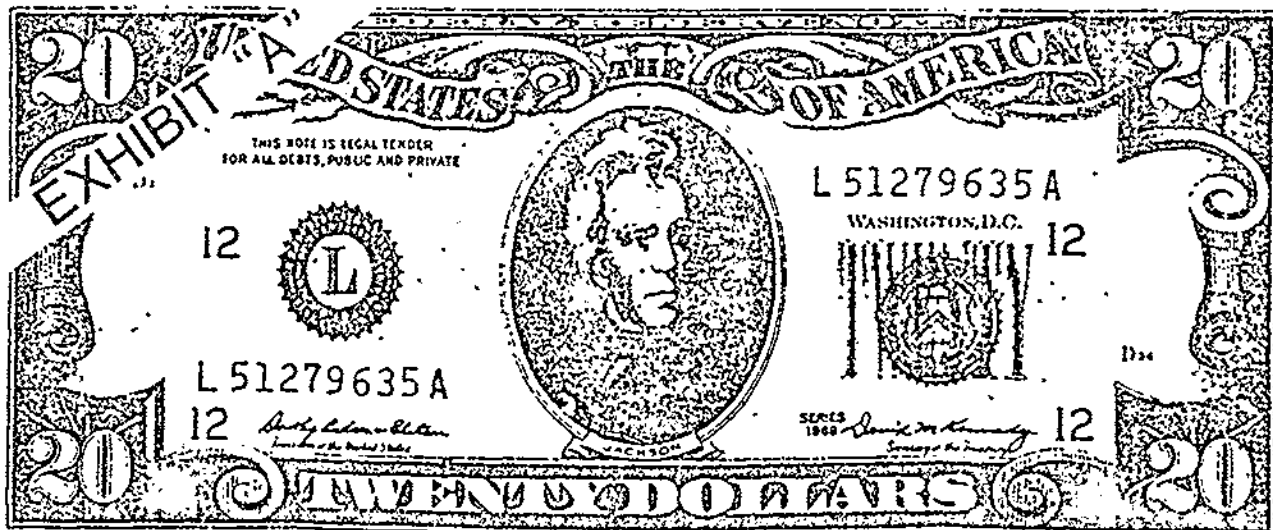
He came down about a hundred miles away from S.W. Washington contrary to the F.B.I. report that he touched down near Vancouver, Washington.

The first thing he did on landing was bury his chute, he was within five miles of where he had intended in an evergreen wooded terrain. He credited this accuracy to his projected calculations and his Japanese watch. He wouldn't say whether he had an accomplice on the ground. He said he had lived in Seattle and had once

two parachutes he had ordered. A stewardess came back with the money in a canvas bag to where cooper was holding another stewardess as hostage in the rear of the passenger cabin.

Cooper checked out the loot, first thing and noticed that they reeked of duplicating fluid. Then the stewardess made two more trips out on to the run way to bring in the chutes.

Then one of the fuel trucks pulled up...then he ordered the passengers off the plane, and everyone else into the cockpit...a middle-aged, executive looking man started to push his way back through the line into the tourist cabin. Cooper tensed up expecting the guy to try something heroic - but he had just left his briefcase on his seat and was retrieving it...



worked at Boeing's on the construction of the first Boeing 727 in 1963 and got to know the 727 from the inside out.

The reason he was attracted to the plan was the alignment of the three Pratt & Whitney engines two on the sides of the rear fuselage and the third at the base of the T-tail assembly. Also the down-flaps stalling speed. One hundred

He figured if the F.B.I. was going to make a move it would be at Sea-Tac. Everybody but the stewardess he was holding hostage and the three man crew was clear of the plane. Buzzing the cockpit he asked the captain what the hold-up was. Trouble with the vapor lock was the answer. And another truck was coming. Cooper told the Captain: "Not more than one fuel truck at a time."

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FBI geologist favors Washougal River

Landing for D.B. / SUBS: B, E, G, M,

By MYRON STRUCK
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Did D.B. Cooper land in, or near, the Washougal River rather than the Lewis River?

In the personal opinion of the chief FBI geologist who worked on the case, D.B. Cooper may have landed in the Washougal River, not near the Lewis River where it had been presumed that he came to earth —

before about \$5,800 in compressed, wet and eroded money was found along the banks of the Columbia River in February upstream from the Lewis.

The Washougal River scenario is the private view of geologist Chris Fiedler, who handled the soil analysis on the money, and not part of the agency's official report to the Seattle field office coordinating the

investigation.

Still, it seems to be the only clue — that might help the investigation the FBI was able to glean from a recent analysis of the bills in its Washington, D.C., research area known as The Laboratory.

The official report says little was found on the wad of money. The basis for the new information is Fiedler's research of the sand particles found

among the bills and his discussions with federal geologists in the field.

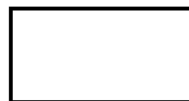
He has concluded that the range of sand particles found among the bills is similar to sediment along the Columbia River and a number of its tributaries.

Fiedler's opinion has been disavowed firmly by his mineralogy division section chief.

"He could have landed in the

Columbia River," Fiedler said. "Or he could have come down in the Washougal. The latter is where my training, and instincts, tell me is more likely, based on the data I have available."

The sand tests involve little in the way of complicated equipment — only a simple microscope and some geological reference material that discusses the characteristics of sand



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Discovered 'Cooper' bills only \$5,800, says F.B.I.

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — The crumbling remains of \$20 bills unearthed by a Vancouver family more than two weeks ago represents about \$5,800 of the \$200,000 taken in the 1971 D.B. Cooper skyjacking, the Federal Bureau of Investigation says.

Ray Mathis, senior agent, said officials counted the decaying greenbacks during F.B.I. laboratory tests in Washington, D.C.

Otis Cox of the bureau's Washington, D.C., office said little else has been revealed about the money. Lab technicians continue to study the loot, particularly for evidence of where it might have been before it washed up on the

banks of the Columbia River, Otis said.

The lumpy wads of money were found buried in shallow sand west of here.

The fate of Cooper, America's first sky-jacker-for-money, has never been learned, although the F.B.I. maintains he is probably long dead.

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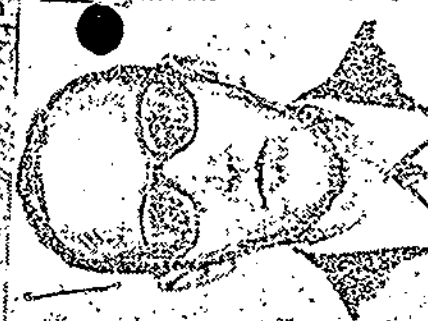
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A Clue to a '71 Crime



Stacks of rotting \$20 bills found near the Oregon-Washington border were identified as part of the loot paid to a vanished hijacker known only as D.B. Cooper.

AP Photo
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FBI agents comb Columbia River bank near Vancouver for additional money or clues to the fate of airline hijacker D.B. Cooper.

AP Photo
Newsday Map

Rotting Cash a Clue To 1971 Hijacking

The Los Angeles Times

Washington—A young Vancouver, Wash., family on an outing along the Columbia River Sunday suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of moldering money—part of \$200,000 that notorious airline hijacker D.B. Cooper had made off with more than eight years ago, the FBI said yesterday.

With the bills traced to the Cooper loot, 30 agents from the Portland and Seattle FBI offices have begun a search of the area for more of the money—and possibly some sign of Cooper or, more likely, his remains.

The family found the money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge that spans the Columbia and separates Washington from Oregon, FBI agent William M. Baker said in Portland. The bills were partly buried in sand that the family was scooping out to build a fire.

The discovery, by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their 8- and 3-year-old sons, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again.

Law enforcement authorities long have be-

lieved that Cooper died in his plunge from the Boeing 727, because he was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped into a howling wind and freezing rain with an unreliable parachute.

The saga began when Cooper boarded the jetliner in Portland for a flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met. The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. The FBI said yesterday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to head for Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members said they believed he jumped, using the least reliable parachute, over southwest Washington. Law enforcement officials have theorized that his body is in Lake Merwin, 30 miles north of Portland, or entangled in thick bushes. The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from what is believed to have been the jump site.

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Agent in D.B. Cooper

case retires

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PORTLAND — For more than eight years, Ralph Himmelsbach, an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, followed a narrow trail of clues and tips in his quest of a legendary hijacker called D.B. Cooper. But the first real break in the case didn't come until Himmelsbach's F.B.I. career was drawing to a close.

After 29 years with the bureau, Himmelsbach retired as of Friday, a few months before he reaches the mandatory-retirement age of 55.

Himmelsbach was the agent regarded as the bureau's expert on the puzzling case that started when the still-unknown sky pirate leaped from a Northwest Airlines 727 with 10,000 \$20 bills and two parachutes on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Nothing has been heard of Cooper; and nothing was seen of the money until an 8-year-old boy found about \$5,800 of it mixed in the sand along the Columbia River near Vancouver, Wash., February 10.

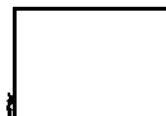
"It's been an interesting case and I have enjoyed the investiga-

tion because of the things that have happened," Himmelsbach said. "It altered my life because of all the attention I have received."

But, he added, "I think I'll walk away from it and it will never bother me."

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Cooper book could blend fact, fantasy

LOOK FOR a book or two on D.B. Cooper to show up in the next few weeks or months.

A news source claims a writer has secured documents on the case from the FBI through the Freedom of Information Act and hopes to weave a tale out of the skyjacking that has kept people wondering for 8½ years.

It wouldn't be surprising to see more than one author try to cash in on the recently rekindled publicity about the incident. Cashing in like that seems to be more in vogue these days than it was in 1971, when Cooper disappeared.

Authors of those kinds of books often report theory and supposition as well as fact. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between what the writers know and what they think or assume.

Some authors make no bones about mixing fact and fantasy. Take .44, the semifiction book about the Son of Sam murders in New York by Jimmy Breslin and Dick Schaap. Breslin and Schaap admit in the foreword to the book that they changed the names of the characters and the sequence of events, and embellished on the story.

They graphically detailed what their deranged killer was thinking about, for example, but it was obviously what the authors thought the killer was thinking. Of course, it added greatly to the drama of the book.

Breslin and Schaap said the embellishment was legitimate because they wanted to recreate the atmosphere of the murders, to portray in fiction the gut-level realism of the crimes.

Although the skyjacking was hardly as heinous a crime as a New York murder spree, that mixture of fact and fantasy might be what you'll see in the D.B. Cooper book, assuming there indeed is one in the making. The Cooper author would have an easy time cooking up a tale of where the hijacker came from and what happened to him, and the story could be quite readable.

If he has any trouble making up a story about who Cooper was or what happened to him, he could look piles of newspaper clippings that report on different people's theories on the subject. But with all the leads the FBI says it has tracked down, there can hardly be a lack of ideas about Cooper's fate.

As far as distinguishing fact from fantasy, we hope the newspapers have done their duty in labeling theories as what they are. It would be nice if any books on the matter did the same.

We probably can't take the word of anybody but Cooper himself on what actually took place. But although the FBI, which must track down every lead, might disagree, it sure is fun to guess about what happened to the old boy.

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F.B.I. says remains aren't D.B. Cooper's

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Human skeletal remains found in a rough section of Southwest Washington are those of a teen-age girl and not the bones of D.B. Cooper, the airline hijacker, said Federal Bureau of Investigation officials yesterday.

Special Agent John Pringle said Dr. Arch Hamilton, Clark County coroner, determined the skull found near the western boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest belonged to a young girl.

Pringle said the girl's age or identity has not been determined.

The skull and other bones were found Sunday by Jack Bannister, of Yacolt, Clark County, and his son, Jack, as they were panning for gold about five miles from Yacolt, according to the Clark County sheriff's office.

While the sheriff's office said it didn't think the bones belonged to the famed hijacker, speculation had run high that the skull was Cooper's because it was found in the general area where Cooper bailed out of a plane with \$200,000.

Cooper hijacked the plane in Seattle in November, 1971, after picking up \$200,000 and bailed out somewhere over Southwestern Washington.

No trace of Cooper had been found until a 8-year-old boy found some of the \$20 bills along the Columbia River two weeks ago.

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No money, no fish

Treasure hunters fail to find more Cooper loot

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — When the fellas gather at Tena Bar, fish stories abound. Hardly anyone wants to talk about the D.B. Cooper money that got away.

Tena Bar isn't a local watering hole. It's a local fishing hole — and the sand bar on the Columbia River on which the D.B. Cooper loot was found recently.

For awhile, all sorts of people gathered at the bar to search for some of the \$200,000 ransom money taken by Cooper in the nation's first hijacking-for-profit nine years ago, after a boy found weathered packets of \$20 bills in the sand.

On Wednesday, however, the only evidence of last week's frantic search of the beach by FBI agents were mounds of sand turned up by the searchers.

"We haven't seen anybody," said Bill Holcomb, a Vancouver resident and frequenter of Tena Bar.

Holcomb was fishing there with Virgil Nichols and Ken Troupe, both of Vancouver. The trio made up the entire fishing population of Tena Bar on Wednesday.

"We drag junk out of this river every day. Plastic, old shoes, things like that," said Nichols. "But never any money."

"There may be money here, but there's no fish," Holcomb said.

A long trench on the beach dug for use by river experts studying the layers of sand has been refilled, as has the large hole around the spot where 8-year-old Brian Ingram found the Cooper money. Cooper hijacked a Northwest Airlines plane in 1971 and jumped from the back of the jet with \$200,000.

The Fazio Brothers, who own the beach next to their farming opera-

tion, seem glad it's over.

"As soon as the FBI left Friday," said Richard Fazio, "Two people came, got stuck in the sand, and wanted me to pull them out. I did, and then I went up to close the gate."

Meanwhile, local FBI agents assigned to the case are awaiting the results of tests of the money by the bureau's crime lab in Washington, D.C., and checking all the leads that invariably crop up when anything to do with the Cooper case is publicized.

"Every time you have anything on the Cooper case that gets any publicity, the fallout is a great number of leads — look-a-like leads,

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Punk or Paradox, the Legend Lives On

By Darrell Bob Houston

I walked into the airport bookstore, vowing that this would be my last D. B. Cooper gimmick.

I waited until the clerk was busy. Then — at eye level — I placed three copies of my skyjack novel on a display rack. D. B.'s face, masked as al-

ways by the world's most famous sunglasses, stared back from the covers.

My heart was pounding. They arrest people for ripping books off. But what about ripping them on? D. B. Cooper's picture at a Northwest airport! That's like Jimmy Carter bumper stickers in Tebrant!

I left the store, then made a new entrance. I wanted to view the books with fresh eyes, see them as a between-planes passenger might.

I stared into those Victor Mature goggles. I felt, again, that there was nothing behind them; no eyebrows, no cynical gleam, no madman's wink. As always I was struck by the beautiful blandness of D. B.'s face. No, you

would not buy a used car from such a man. He'd give it to you, free.

His suitcoat was equally intriguing. A dark meshed knit, it had a professorial quality to it. I suspect it had leather elbow patches.

The knot of Cooper's tie is about the size of a prune. The tie is meager and black. It is somewhat faded, as if

it had sunned for a long time in a pawnshop window.

Then I noticed something that had escaped me. There is a faint smile on D. B.'s lips. A quirk of the artist's pen, of course. The likeness is only a facsimile after all. Still...

A shrill female voice shattered my reverie.

"Sex and skyjacking! And a monster like that awful D. B. Cooper! You should be ashamed."

The woman had confronted the clerk. She had a copy of my book in her hand. I noticed that in her anger she was flicking D. B.'s face with spit.

She slammed the book down. She passed me on the way out. I was still admiring my literary efforts.

Pointing, the woman asked if I was going to buy "one of those."

"The Marquis de Sade," I said. "I'm looking for his complete works."

Anticipating her gasp, I added: "And a good clean family cookbook, of course."

She was not amused. "Do you mean you actually condone that Cooper trash?"

"Of course not, madame," I replied. "All I did was write it."

The woman scurried off. I think she went after a security guard. I grabbed my skyjack books and ran.

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When Buffalo Bill Cody fought his duel with Chief Yellow Hand, his combat outfit consisted of a Mexican suit of crushed black velvet. It was slashed with scarlet and trimmed with silver buttons and lace. Cody had so completely blended the real and the theatrical that nobody — least of all Bill himself — could tell where the actual ended and the dime novel began.

The same thing happened during my quest for D. B. The facts that I had in my burgeoning Cooper file were not enough. I began to fantasize in the stories I wrote; but the more I fabricated the truer they sounded.

All I had to do was tap a typewriter key and the skyjacker would jump — any way I wanted him to. Many of the "facts" I propagated were repeated by other writers, and sometimes by the authorities.

Even the intellectual readers were

not immune to D. B.'s magic. Reporting in a high-brow California magazine, I told how a lot of people up in Washington still think the hijacker was captured by the Sasquatch.

The story was illustrated with a full-page color drawing of Bigfoot, looking somewhat bereft without Fay Wray, scattering ransom money to the wind. Behind him the visage of D. B. Cooper — a rocky outcropping formed his nose — was superimposed on the heights of Mount St. Helens. A string of sky-written clouds spelled out \$200,000.

My province was of the imagination. But it was by no means an exclusive domain.

Larry Feingold, a Seattle attorney and former FBI agent, had his own fantasy problem. To assuage it, he planned to hold a reunion of the 36 passengers who were aboard Flight 305 with Cooper. Feingold was one of them.

He wanted to find out how the experience had affected all those lives. Personally, he felt haunted by the memory.

"It's difficult now to separate fact from fantasy," Feingold said. "I'm no longer sure what I saw — and I was trained by the FBI. I think I got a good, solid look at Cooper's face. Now I don't know."

"It was so quiet on the plane. People were sleeping. It was like a submarine. Eerie, ghost-like. The whole thing is like some kind of flying dream from which none of us has yet awakened."

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For the past couple of years the D.B. front has been rather quiet. People have occasionally asked me where I stashed all those unmarked twenties. I have still registered at hotels as D.B. Cooper and every Thanksgiving Eve I have lifted a glass to my wraith-like benefactor.

Then, last Tuesday, came a phone call from a friend.

"Take a deep breath, sit down in your chair — and hold onto the edges," he said. "Some kid down in Vancouver just found part of D. B.'s loot."

My first thought was: And some diver looking for abalone will find Atlantis.

"What did the kid look like?"

"Imagine Huckleberry Finn in a pair of run-over Adidas," my friend said.

I hardly had to look at Brian Ingram's picture in the papers the next morning. I already knew him. In the movie script I had written, but never sold, he was D. B. Cooper as a lad. Right down to the unruly hair and the gap in his front teeth.

One scene still comes through.

The boy has been left alone in a boxcar with a band of hobos. His father misses the train as it pulls out of a bleak wintertime siding somewhere in Oklahoma.

The young D. B. sobs. He thinks he will never see his dad again. Suddenly Old Man Cooper swings through the boxcar doorway.

"How'd you do it, Pa?" the boy

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FBI agents wield rakes, shovels in 'treasure hunt'

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By **LEGLIE L. ZAITZ**
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VANCOUVER, Wash. — Guernsey cattle and puzzled fishermen watched with curiosity Tuesday as 20 casually attired FBI agents combed the Columbia River shoreline near here, looking for more of a hijacker's treasure.

The agents, working with garden rakes and shovels, carefully sifted through the sand on what is known locally as Tena's Bar, a sloping beach about nine miles northwest of Vancouver. The beach is owned by New Columbia Gardens Co., which operates a truck and dairy farm behind the beach.

What attracted the searchers was the find Sunday afternoon of a dozen bundles of worn \$20 bills, part of the ransom paid more than eight years ago to the legendary "Dan Cooper." A man using that name hijacked a Northwest Airlines jetliner in November 1971 and parachuted out of the aircraft with 21 pounds of cash totaling \$200,000.

The bundles on the beach were found by 8-year-old Brian Ingram, who was helping his parents, Harold Dwayne and Patricia Ingram, build a fire for a picnic. The family, which moved to Vancouver recently from Oklahoma, had never heard of the man who was widely known at the time of his crime as D.B. Cooper.

Dorwyn Schreuder, the FBI agent supervising the beach search, said the Ingrams put the money aside after discovering it and continued with their picnic. They reported their discovery to the FBI on Monday.

The site, a popular fishing spot for Vancouver residents, was guarded by agents Monday night and the search started about noon Tuesday.

Agents roped off a section of beach measuring roughly 150 yards long and 30 yards wide. All driftwood was removed, and then began the laborious task of raking through sand at least 6 inches deep.

The Ingrams' find had been about 6 inches beneath the surface, Schreuder said. FBI agents Tuesday afternoon found fragments of at least two other \$20 bills. By late Tuesday, several more fragments had been found as deep as 3 feet below the surface.

"We'll be taking some heavy equipment, probably backhoes, in there Wednesday to dig deeper," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office.

Schreuder and other agents at the site said they still supported the long-held FBI theory that Cooper died in his parachuting attempt.

"He's probably not alive today," Schreuder said. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money."

The FBI initially was cautious about disclosing the precise location of the discovery. Operators of the farm said they knew something was unusual when several cars streamed along a road leading through the farmyard to the beach.

"We didn't know what it was about until we heard it on the radio," said one farm employee.

And three fishermen who routinely spend every day but Sundays fishing on the beach initially were confused and then angry.

"These guys wouldn't tell us what was going on," said Ken Davenport of Vancouver. "They asked us to move, but wouldn't tell us who they were or

why."

Another fisherman, Mike Haddican of Vancouver, said they knew something was up "because everybody was getting out of cars with shovels instead of fishing poles."

The Guernsey cows watched the beach show from their pens on a small bluff, scattering occasionally when helicopters chartered by news organizations flew overhead.

Within an hour after the FBI announced where the money had been found, private automobiles streamed down Northwest Lower River Road, a narrow two-lane road leading to the farm. A Clark County sheriff's deputy guarded the entrance, preventing the public from getting to the beach.

FBI agents were to remain on the scene overnight to keep out would-be treasure hunters.

The FBI said how much of the beach would be searched would be determined after the agency consulted with hydrologists and others who could provide expert advice about from where the money may have come.

Only half-joking, Schreuder said the agents "could search all the beach from here to Astoria."

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FBI calls off search for more hijack money

The FBI has, at least temporarily, called off its search along the Columbia River for more of the money obtained eight years ago by the airplane hijacker who used the name Dan Cooper.

Jack Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Seattle office, said, the search was called off late Thursday night after several days of sand-sifting produced no new evidence. The Seattle office has coordinated

search efforts in the Cooper caper, the only unresolved hijacking on record since it occurred in 1971.

Pringle said search efforts might be renewed next week, after the results of laboratory tests are received on the several thousand dollars in badly decayed \$20 bill fragments found by a picnicking family Sunday about nine miles downstream from Vancouver.

He said there was a chance the tests "could find additional debris that might give us an idea where (the money) may have been" before it washed onto the river bank.

A geologist serving as consultant to the FBI has said he believes the money had spent most of the past eight years underwater and was deposited on the sandy beach only within the past year.

The Northwest Airlines plane was hijacked between Portland and Seattle by a man who said he had a bomb. The hijacker obtained \$200,000 in \$20 bills when the plane landed in Seattle and then parachuted with the money over Southwest Washington.

The bills found Sunday represented the first trace of the hijacker or money since the Thanksgiving Eve hijack occurred.

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Cooper a hero or crook?

By Bud May
The Daily News

If they ever create a hall of fame for lawbreakers, D.B. Cooper will certainly have an honored spot as the perpetrator of America's only unsolved skyjacking.

But does that make him a hero, or just a criminal pictured by some as a Robin Hood character who stymied the establishment?

The legendary man had few admirers among people whose opinions were solicited by *The Daily News* today.

An exception is Dave Fisher, who operates the Ariel Store and Tavern along with his wife, Laurel.

"I'll admit he's a crook, but like most of the people up here, I hope he got away and is on the loose. People here feel he put Ariel on the map, and we're kind of rooting for him," Fisher said.

Gordon Connell, a Kelso hardware store owner, disagrees.

"I think D.B. Cooper is a long way from being a hero. He is or was a common crook who stole someone else's money; and if he's found alive, he should be punished fully."

"I also think it's asinine that people form D.B. Cooper clubs, hold D.B. Cooper parties, print D.B. Cooper T-shirts and find other ways to glorify him," Connell said.

Conrad Bankson, principal at the Mint Valley School in Longview, has similar views.

"What he did was sensational, but keep in mind that kidnapping and demanding ransom are serious crimes. If he's ever found alive, which I doubt, he should get the full penalty of the law."

Pausing, Bankson added, "If he's dead, perhaps nature provided the ultimate penalty."

John Hayes, operator of a service station in Kelso, had nothing good to say about the man sought since bailing out of a Northwest Orient Airlines jet over the Lewis River area on Nov. 24, 1971.

"D.B. Cooper broke the law, and he sure doesn't deserve sympathy. I give him credit for being smart, but I still think he's a damn crook, and I hope he's brought to justice," Hayes commented.

A Castle Rock housewife, Margaret Kotera, considers Cooper a man who risked the lives of innocent persons for personal gain.

"I don't admire him. When you take the law into your own hands and endanger other people's lives you are no hero," she said.

Some citizens polled concede Cooper was a lawbreaker, but credit him with being a one-of-a-kind crook who made a lot of people scratch their heads.

Norma Sewell of Kelso, a deputy clerk at the County Clerk's Office, characterized the skyjacker in that manner.

"He's an out and out crook, but he carried out his crime spectacularly, and he's baffled some very good police minds for nearly nine years," she said.

Dick Wilson, plant manager at Longview Ice and Cold Storage, sees Cooper as a criminal whose crime brought him endless publicity.

"There's no doubt he was a crook, but he sure got a lot of advertising. Not everyone has a name on T-shirts," Wilson said.

Whatever his detractors say, Cooper still has some fans.

Minutes after Tuesday's announcement that some of the ransom money had been found, a Portland parking garage attendant told this reporter, "I sure hope this doesn't mean he's dead. I've always hoped he got away."

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Finder of Cooper loot gets frayed \$20 bill

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Eight-year-old Brian Ingram, who found bundles of \$20 bills last week but had to turn them over to authorities, has been given one by the FBI.

The boy jumped into the national spotlight Feb. 10 when he discovered several thousand dollars of the \$200,000 ransom paid to skyjacker Dan Cooper in 1971. The money, frayed around the edges, was identified by FBI agents who have been looking for Cooper since he jumped from a Northwest Orient Airlines plane over Southwest Washington.

The \$20 was given to the boy by Mike Heywood, Hough Elementary School PTA president. Accompanying the bill was a certificate praising the boy for his find.

Since finding the money, Brian and his parents, H. Dwayne and Patricia, have been the subject of network television newscasts and newspaper articles. Saturday night, the three were satirized on the "Weekend Update" segment of the weekly television show "Saturday Night Live."

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Geologist's finding contradicts theory

By Bud May
The Daily News

A thorough search of a Columbia River beach where part of D.B. Cooper's ransom money was found Sunday has turned up no new clues as to the fate of the legendary skyjacker.

The FBI said today that the search will continue today and Friday, then probably be suspended temporarily.

Brought to the beach to aid in Wednesday's search were a backhoe and a geologist.

The FBI said the backhoe was used to dig a trench near the discovery site, making possible a study of the layers to sand.

An associate professor of geology at Portland State University, Leonard Palmer, was retained to inspect the sand and to assist investigators in determining when the bundled money may have been deposited there.

Palmer, to the surprise of some authorities, concluded that the money was deposited on the beach in the past year or two because it was above clay deposits put on the beach in a 1974 channel dredging operation.

According to the FBI, a coarse layer of sand sloped from a height of about six inches at the river's edge to two feet or more some distance up the river bank.

Earlier, Ralph Himmelsbach, a Portland FBI agent who has had charge of following new leads in the Cooper case for a number of years, said he believed the money must have been deposited within a couple of years after the skyjacking.

He says discovery of the money provided a major break in the case, but puts authorities no closer to locating Cooper, whom Himmelsbach believes is dead.

Agents say the money was tied to Cooper when he bailed out of the plane, but was no longer with him when it was deposited on the beach.

If it had still been attached to his body at the bottom of the river when the channel was dredged in 1974, the body would have clogged up the dredge and have been found, agents believe.

Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle FBI Office, told *The Daily News* this morning that small bits and pieces of \$20 bills were located Wednesday when agents continued digging in sand surrounding the spot where a Vancouver family discovered money Sunday.

The Harold Dwayne Ingram family was on an outing north and west of Vancouver when their 8-year-old son, Brian, uncovered several thousand dollars in decomposed bills.

Ingram contacted the Portland FBI Office, and a check of serial numbers conclusively established that the money was part of \$200,000 in \$20 bills Cooper had when he bailed out of a Northwest Orient Airlines jet over the Lewis River area on Nov. 24, 1971.

Pringle said the area was still being searched today, but no new evidence had been located as of this forenoon.

"Some of the area is inaccessible, and there's no way we can search the whole area," Pringle said in Seattle this morning.

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This catch wasn't the big one

*Fishing for D.B.**Cooper's loot*

By PAT MOSER

Columbian Staff Writer

WASHOUGAL — Bob Devaney watched the ducks peck away at something floating in the Washougal River near the Riverside Bowl.

It was March 22, 1977, and Devaney of 4221 F Circle, Washougal, was fishing for steelhead. The muddy runoff waters had cleared, and the river was in shape for catching the ocean-going trout.

"I watched the ducks nibbling away," Devaney said. "I waded out to see. That's when I saw the money. At first, I thought it was play money."

But Devaney picked up a bill and examined it. It was a real \$20 bill, and there were six others to be grabbed from atop the water.

Devaney's story became more

significant last week when part of the D.B. Cooper hijacking money was found washed up on a Columbia River beach nine miles downstream from Vancouver. One theory contends the money could have washed out of the Washougal River watershed during the nearly 8½ years since Cooper parachuted from an airliner over Southwest Washington.

A check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation list of serial numbers on the \$200,000 given Cooper didn't match those found by Devaney. Devaney still has his \$140 tucked away in cellophane bags.

The D.B. Cooper money find also brought significance to a green bank bag found by Jack Smith who lives up the Washougal River in Skamania County.

Smith was driving down the river

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Cooper expert' to close out career

The finding of some of the "Dan Cooper" hijacking money Sunday came is a dramatic climax to the career of Sean Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI's Cooper expert.

Himmelsbach, himself a veteran pilot, has lived, breathed and slept the Dan Cooper case ever since a man using that name hijacked a Northwest Airlines jet from Portland on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Himmelsbach, who has logged thousands of hours of flying time in his own 1952 model single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza, was aloft in an Oregon Air

National Guard helicopter ready to intercept the hijacked plane within a few minutes after the airliner took off from Seattle, where Cooper obtained \$200,000 and four parachutes. But the air turbulence that night was so severe that the helicopter was ordered back to Portland Airbase.

Next morning Himmelsbach started the first of a series of flights which took him the length of the hijack route many times, between investigating other clues, all of which proved to be false.

"I was over the target area near Lake Merwin Sunday again," he said

Tuesday. "I saw they had logged a lot of prime search area, and thought something would turn up now."

But he never guessed the news that would confront him when he reported for work Monday.

"I'll admit to a certain sense of satisfaction," Himmelsbach said Tuesday, flashing a broad smile. "The case isn't solved, but this is certainly a major milestone."

Himmelsbach will retire March 1, after 27 years with the FBI — climaxed by his work on the Cooper case, one that will go down in FBI history.

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Bills 1st solid clue in hijack mystery

By LEVERETT RICHARDS
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The weathered bundles of \$20 bills found on the Washington bank of the Columbia River nine miles northwest of Vancouver on Sunday were the first solid clues to the mystery of the "Dan Cooper" aircraft hijacking, FBI agents said Tuesday.

One of the more intensive searches in the FBI's history had failed to turn up any clue to the fate of the mysterious hijacker or his loot during the eight years since he bailed out of a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 flying at 7,000 feet over La Center, Wash., on Nov. 24, 1971, FBI spokesmen said.

Cooper's was the first hijacking of a commercial airliner for money, and started a chain of similar attempts, which was responsible in part for the rigid security system now enforced at all United States airports and most major airports abroad.

Because of an erroneous report of the name used by the hijacker, he became known nationally as D.B. Cooper, although the airline manifest showed he had used the name "Dan."

The man who called himself Cooper paid cash for a ticket and boarded Northwest's Flight 305 at Portland International Airport just before it departed. He sat in a rear seat in the cabin and waited until the plane was airborne. Then he handed stewardess Florence Schaffner a note saying he had a bomb in the satchel he was carrying and demanding \$200,000 in unmarked \$20 bills.

By the time the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at 5:45 p.m., airline officials were gathering the money and the four parachutes he had demanded. The hijacker released the 36 passengers on board, along with all crew members except one stewardess and two pilots. The plane then took off and headed south at 7,000 feet in stormy weather.

At 8:10 p.m. the pilots felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure which indicated the rear door had been opened. Later tests showed this was when the hijacker had bailed out, taking with him the money and the device that he claimed was a bomb.

Computer calculations and a later reconstruction of the flight persuaded the FBI that Cooper had bailed out near Woodland, Wash., and would have landed somewhere west of Lake Merwin.

William Rataczak, first officer (co-pilot) on the hijacked plane who flew the later reconstructions of the hijack flight, said the pilots received no answer when they called on the interphone to their passenger and were not certain he was gone until they landed in Reno, Nev., at 11 p.m.

The "target area" was searched repeatedly by the FBI, other law enforcement officers and soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash., but no trace of man or money was found. Northwest Airlines offered a reward, since expired, and hunters and woodsmen continued the search for years without success.

Before Sunday, the only item that had been found from the hijacking was a placard believed to have blown off the bulkhead of the 727 when the door was opened in flight.

It was found 13 miles east of Castle Rock, Wash., in January 1979. The placard, if indeed it came from the hijacked plane, "helped to confirm that the plane was on course all the way, but didn't shed any light on what happened to Cooper," said FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, who headed the investigation.

After eight years of investigation Himmelsbach has said he still believes Cooper could not have survived the parachute jump at 7 degrees below zero, dressed as he was in a light business suit and street shoes.

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"Several thousand dollars" of the \$200,000 obtained eight years ago by the celebrated airline hijacker who used the name Dan Cooper was found Sunday along the Columbia River downstream from Vancouver, Wash., the FBI reported Tuesday.

Three bundles containing 12 packets of weatherbeaten \$20 bills were found in river sand by a picnicking Vancouver family, about nine miles northwest of the city.

FBI agents searching the beach Tuesday afternoon found several more fragments of \$20 bills, some of them under three feet of sand.

Harold Dwayne Ingram, his wife, Patricia, and their son, Brian, 8, were preparing to build a fire on the beach when Brian brushed the sand aside and turned up some of the bills, Ingram said.

"We dug around and found three bundles of bills tied with rubber bands," Ingram said.

The bills were wet and badly worn, but the serial numbers were legible. The FBI identified the serial numbers and confirmed that they were part of the loot given Cooper when he hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 jetliner between Portland and Seattle on Nov. 24, 1971.

William M. Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said the Ingrams were relatively new to the Vancouver area, moving there recently from Oklahoma. They had never heard of Cooper, Baker said.

"They took it (the money) home and were talking to some friends about it," Baker said. "The friends pointed out that it might be the money from the Cooper thing. That's when they called the FBI."

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent in charge of the case since the hijacking, said it was the first solid clue to the Cooper mystery since the hijacker bailed out near La Center, Wash., into a winter storm at 8:10 p.m. that Thanksgiving Eve. The first hijacking for money, the Cooper case became a national sensation.

Baker said it was possible the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., could discern fingerprints on the money.

"That would be a hell of a break," he said.

Baker said the money the Ingrams found had not been counted. At first the amount recovered was estimated at about \$4,000, but "we have revised our estimate to several thousand dollars," he said.

Baker said the money was bundled into packages of several sizes at the time of the hijacking, "to make it appear that it was randomly done, as if it was done in a hurry." Because of that, the actual amount could not be estimated, he said.

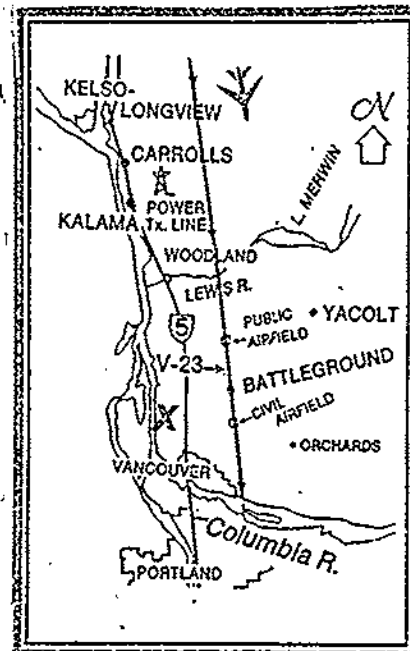
FBI agents Tuesday were carefully combing the site of the Sunday discovery for further clues. The beach, open to the public, is owned by the New Columbia Gardens Co., a truck and dairy farm.

Cooper was seen on the plane tying a nylon cord around his waist, presumably to tie the money into a parachute bag. The Ingrams said they did not see any sign of a cloth bag, but Himmelsbach said it would be hard to understand how the bundles of bills could have stayed together all these years if they were not in some kind of container.

Baker said the search for Cooper's remains or other clues would be resumed in a new area.

FBI spokesmen concluded that the bills could have been washed down some tributary of the Columbia.

George Holmes, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist, said he would review information about where Cooper's remains might be found.



MONEY FOUND — X shows approximate location where part of Dan Cooper aircraft hijacking money was found Sunday. Vancouver, Wash. family found loot while picnicking. FBI is searching area.

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Dan Cooper bill not given to boy

Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy who discovered some of the Dan Cooper skyjacking ransom last week, was not given one of the deteriorated bills, as was reported Tuesday in some editions of The Oregonian.

The boy actually was given a \$20 bill made to look like one of the tattered bills, in addition to a certificate praising him for his find. Both items came from the Hough Elementary School PTA.

Meanwhile in Washington, D.C., FBI laboratory technicians have been unable to determine how much money was in the three bundles of Cooper's recovered as a result of young Ingram's find.

"The \$20 bills were so badly deteriorated that we have been unable to count it," said FBI spokesman Otis Cox. He said no fingerprints were found on the bills.

The bills were identified as part of Cooper's \$200,000 by their serial numbers.

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The Loot Reveals New Clues to the Fate of D.B.

By John O'Ryan

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Eight FBI agents digging on a Columbia River beach in a snowstorm found no more of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom yesterday, but they revealed new clues to the fate of the legendary parachutist.

Special agent Ken Moore of Seattle, in charge of the digging, said a geologist's report indicates that the money which has been found drifted up on this beach within the past two years.

Furthermore, Moore said as he warmed himself by a campfire during

a respite from the frigid digging, the money came downstream, and probably reached the Columbia from the Washougal River, or one of several smaller streams which enter the big river above here.

It isn't likely, he said, that the money came upstream, with tidal currents, from the Lewis River — which drains Lake Merwin, where Cooper has long been thought to have perished.

Moore thought for a few moments, then said:

"Tourists who want to look for more Cooper money probably should

look on the Washougal River."

All of which indicates that Cooper, with \$200,000 in a canvas suitcase strapped to his body, jumped from a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 a little southeast of the point originally estimated by the FBI.

He apparently landed southeast of Lake Merwin which is just off I-5 near Woodland, in the drainage of the Washougal River, or nearby streams, in hilly, wooded country.

"There is nothing infallible about our original estimate of where he landed," said John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle

office.

"Because of strong wind currents, and other variables, we could have been a little off in our original estimates."

According to Pringle, only one money bundle from the \$200,000 hijack ransom was found on this beach nine miles downstream from the bridge over the Columbia River at Vancouver.

But since Cooper had all of his money in one canvas container, according to Moore, if any of the money is scattered — all of it is likely to be scattered.

Cooper, whose real identity has never been learned, literally dropped out of sight the night he plunged from the airliner. He had collected his hijack loot in Seattle — bundles of money wrapped in a package six inches high, one foot across, and about 18 inches long — later stuffed into a bag tied to his waist.

No trace was found of Cooper or his money until a family picnicking on this north bank of the Columbia, on property owned by the Fazio Brothers Sand Co. and dairy cow farm, found tattered bills three to six inches deep in the sand.

It was "Seattle day" at the FBI diggings on the Columbia River yesterday. The previous day, 10 FBI agents from the Portland bureau carried out the digging.

Yesterday, eight agents from the

Seattle bureau were hard at work. The beach is roped off, and a Clark County sheriff's car was parked at the entrance to the Fazio property to keep the public out.

Sand was piled around the original money discovery area, because the FBI had been using a backhoe to excavate there. Agents were working yesterday with shovels and rakes.

Moore said a Portland State University Geologist is the one who determined that the money had floated onto the beach within the last two years.

This, Moore said, was based on a determination that there is only about six to eight inches of sand on this beach, and beneath it is a clay that was placed here by a channel dredging project carried out in 1974.

The clay, he said, appears "undisturbed," but the sand contains soft-drink containers and other debris

from picnickers. It appears to be of recent origin, and the money was found only about three to six inches deep in it.

Moore said the Army Corps of Engineers had scuttled the theory that the money had drifted upstream with tidal currents from the mouth of the Lewis River, which enters the Columbia downstream from here.

"I talked to the engineers, and they said that it is most unlikely that anything drifted upstream against the current," Moore said.

If no more money is found, the FBI's digging on the beach will end today, Moore said.

But he expressed the belief that the departure of the FBI will not end the sifting through this strip of sand.

"After we leave, probably 2,500 people will be digging here the next day," he said.

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Boy beats

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FBI agents digging
in search of more cluesBy Bud May
The Daily News

PORTLAND — An 8-year-old boy accomplished with a sweep of his hand Sunday something the FBI has been trying to do for more than eight years.

Brian Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, provided the first major breakthrough in the D.B. Cooper skyjacking case when he accidentally uncovered part of the \$200,000 ransom Cooper had when he bailed out of a Northwest Airlines jet in the Lewis River area on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, 1971.

The FBI said Tuesday the discovery of more than \$3,000 in badly deteriorated \$20 bills was made Sunday while the Ingram family was on an outing on a Columbia River beach about five miles northwest of Vancouver on the Washington side.

Meantime, the FBI is conducting an intensive grid search of the beach area where the money was found. Agents reported finding bits and pieces of money Tuesday afternoon, some of it as deep as three feet in sand.

However, the pieces were so small it was not possible to determine the amount of money.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist, George Holmes, said he would review information about where the hijacker jumped in relation to where the money was found.

He said the Washougal River was the only Columbia tributary that might have carried the cash, and even that is a remote possibility.

Not everyone shares that opinion.

Some experts feel that because of the Columbia's currents, the money could have come from the Lewis River and washed upstream.

The FBI has also contacted the Army Engineers, which continuously dredges sand in that area, on the chance that dredging brought the money up from the bottom of the river. A spokesman for the Army Engineers said today that it is a definite possibility. While they constantly dredge in that area, the last time they deposited the dredged sand on that beach was in October 1974.

Agents said the money, in bundles, without question is part of that given the man known as Cooper.

"The packaging and numbered sequence indicate the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker," explained Bill Baker, assistant agent in charge at the Portland office.

Baker could not say whether the Ingram family will get a reward, since the FBI can not offer one, but he indicated there is a good possibility that the airline or another source, would provide one.

The elder Ingram and his wife, Patricia, told dozens of news media people at a press conference in the Portland FBI Office Tuesday how

the money was found.

"I was about to build a fire on the beach," said Ingram, "and had my arms full, but before I could set it down, my son said, 'Wait a minute daddy.' He scooped off some sand, and this money rolled to the top."

A UPI reporter who talked with the family Tuesday said Brian and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise Ingram, shouted, "Look! It's money that we found!"

The Ingrams said they didn't connect the money to the Cooper case at the time, but realized it must be important to someone, so they notified the Portland FBI Office of the find.

Asked by a reporter why he contacted the FBI instead of local authorities, Ingram responded, "Because I figured if I turned it over to police, I would never see it again."

He didn't elaborate on that remark, but continued to answer questions from newspaper, television and radio reporters.

Asked if he considered keeping the money, Ingram laughingly replied, "No, it looked in such bad shape I didn't think I could spend it."

Ingram said the money, which was displayed for reporters on a table at the press conference, was about 20 yards from the edge of the river, but was very wet.

Because of the poor condition of the bills, the exact amount of recovered money is unknown, pending laboratory examination, the FBI said.

While FBI agents seem ecstatic about the discovery, they are quick to point out that approximately \$197,000 is still missing, and what happened to Cooper himself is just as much a mystery as before the find.

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Cooper in lake, ex-agent says

By Bud May.
The Daily News

The body of skyjacker D.B. Cooper lies on the bottom of Lake Merwin, most likely hung up on a snag.

Retired FBI Agent Tom Manning of Longview has held that theory for several years, and still does.

The fact that some of the ransom money Cooper got from Northwest Airlines was found Sunday on a Columbia River beach north and west of Vancouver has not changed his conviction in the least.

Manning, now manager of the Longview Chamber of Commerce, had charge of the massive searches conducted in the Lewis River area after the infamous skyjacking of a Northwest Airlines jet on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971.

Because he worked so long on a case that has never been solved, the former resident agent has taken a lot of ribbing from friends and acquaintances.

"Some still call me D.B. Cooper," he said with a chuckle Tuesday night.

Manning never believed the skyjacker survived the jump with \$200,000 in ransom money, and was among the first to say so.

"I said several years ago that I think he may be hung up on a snag at the bottom of Lake Merwin, and I still think so," Manning said after learning Tuesday that some of the ransom money had been found.

Manning said the fact that the money was found upstream, rather than downstream from the mouth of the Lewis River, doesn't disprove his theory.

He said it could have been moved upstream by tides and currents.

George Holmes, a hydrologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, says that would not have been impossible, but he considers it unlikely that currents would have moved the cash that far upstream.

"However," Holmes, emphasized, "I'm not taking issue in any way with the theory of where the hijacker may have come down after leaving the plane, or where the rest of the money might be."

Manning recalls vividly the inten-

sive search conducted east of Woodland in the Lewis River area.

He says Charles Farrell of Seattle was the FBI agent in charge of the case, while Manning coordinated the searches. Other agents from the Seattle and Portland FBI offices were also involved. In addition, about 200 soldiers from Fort Lewis were used in an inch by inch grid search conducted in March of 1972 after the winter snows melted.

Despite the fact that no trace of Cooper was found, Manning and other agents remained convinced he had jumped somewhere in the Lewis River-Lake Merwin area, where crewmen of the Boeing 727 noted a fluctuation in the cabin rate of pressure indicator about 8:10 p.m.

Minutes earlier lights came on in the cockpit indicating the rear airstair of the aircraft had been lowered.

"Using the same aircraft, we made some tests three days after the hijacking, and the results gave credence to the theory that he jumped in the area the crew told us about," Manning said.

Manning was aboard the plane, flown by the chief pilot of the airline, when it was taken over the Pacific Ocean off the Hoquiam bombing range for the tests. Also present was the same flight engineer who was on duty the night of the incident.

"We took along some wooden sleds with sandbags to approximate the weight of Cooper, the parachutes given him and the ransom money, and dropped them from the plane when the flying conditions were the same as they were at the time he bailed out," Manning recalled.

The airstair was lowered, and the sleds dropped.

"The engineer said the plane reacted the same as it had before when the weight was released," Manning said Tuesday.

According to Manning, the FBI and the airline were convinced then that the man calling himself D.B. Cooper bailed out of the jet in the Lewis River area, and nothing has happened to shake that belief.

Where he landed has never been determined, but Manning still thinks Lake Merwin is a good bet.

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Beach residents groan

By Donna duBeth
The Daily News

The handful of residents who live along the beach where part of D.B. Cooper's loot was found Sunday are kicking themselves for not building more sand castles.

They also wonder whether they should have paid more attention to the sand dredging operations along the beach.

Tina Bar is a stretch of sandy beach on the Washington side of the Columbia River northwest of Vancouver. The lonely country road that winds along the beach, Lower River Road, dead-ends about three miles from where a Vancouver family found about \$3,000 beneath the sand Sunday while on a picnic. Rabbits bounce on the side of the road at night, startled by occasional passing cars.

Less than 10 houses are along the 12-mile stretch of beach road. Most of the land belongs to large dairy farms. The Fazio Bros. Sand Co. also fronts the river. A road leading through the Fazio gate is a popular path to the beach. It is the same path used by the family the day they found the money. On the east side of Fazio Bros. is Leeward Isle Marina, with a public fishing boat launch and one or two house boats.

During fishing season, the beach is packed from end to end, say local residents Clarence and Barbara Ellis. They have lived in their mobile home just down the road from Fazio Bros. for the past 30 years.

Every day Clarence takes his outboard skiff along Tina Bar patrolling the river and the beach for renegade logs that could damage other boats.

Ellis says that the Army Corps of Engineers continuously dredges sand directly off the shore from where the money was found.

"I betcha that dredging brought that money up and

most of it's been destroyed by the dredging," he said. "Even the FBI is going to be able to figure that one out."

Today a spokesman for the Army Engineers said they were working closely with the FBI, checking out that lead. The sand sucked up from the bottom of the river and spewed onto the beach could have contained some or all of the long-sought money. While the dredging is continuous, the last time sand was deposited in that spot was in October 1974.

Another resident of the area said that the money was found too far from the water to have washed up. "It had to be the dredging. Maybe I'll go get me a shovel," said Mrs. J.W. Freeman.

The FBI dug all day Tuesday, finding bits and pieces of \$20 bills. An agent guarding the site Tuesday evening said the amount they found during the day was less than the \$3,000 originally dug up.

Tuesday night the Ellis family sat in their home decorated with fishing gear and large plants, amazed that some the D.B. Cooper money was showing up on the same beach their children grew up on.

"To think I worked like a slave all my life and here this money was right in my front yard," said Ellis. "When I think of the times my kids took the four-wheel drive right over that spot. I mean that's our beach. It belongs to the people we lease from and that's the beach we use."

His wife, Barbara, said she felt "kinda sick" not finding it. But she added that she would have turned it in. "Somebody could have lost it," she said.

The beach property actually belongs to the Hans Egger family of Vancouver. A baby sitter at the home said the Eggers were on vacation in California. They learned the money had been found on their property; when they listened to a television newscast Tuesday night.

"They were shocked," said the baby sitter.

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How it all started

On Nov. 24, 1971, a calm, middle-age man calling himself Dan Cooper bought a ticket for a Northwest Airlines flight to Seattle.

Shortly after takeoff, he handed a note to stewardess Florence Schaffner.

Thinking the man was trying to "hustle" her, she stuffed the note in her purse, but he motioned for her to read it.

The note said he had a bomb, and wanted to go to Mexico.

While the jet circled Seattle before landing, the skyjacker also ordered that \$200,000 cash and four parachutes be brought to the plane.

The airline agreed, 36 passengers and part of the crew were allowed to leave, and the plane took off with the man and his ransom.

As it flew south, the rear airstair was lowered, and minutes later the plane reacted in a manner that convinced the crew that the skyjacker had bailed out somewhere in the Lewis River-Lake Merwin area east of Woodland.

Thus began the legend of D.B. Cooper (the name Dan Cooper somehow got lost in news media accounts of the incident.)

Cooper has never been found, but interest in the case is still strong, and flared Tuesday when the FBI announced a Vancouver family had found several thousand dollars of the ransom money on a Columbia River beach northwest of Vancouver.

Several stories about the case appear in today's issue of *The Daily News*.

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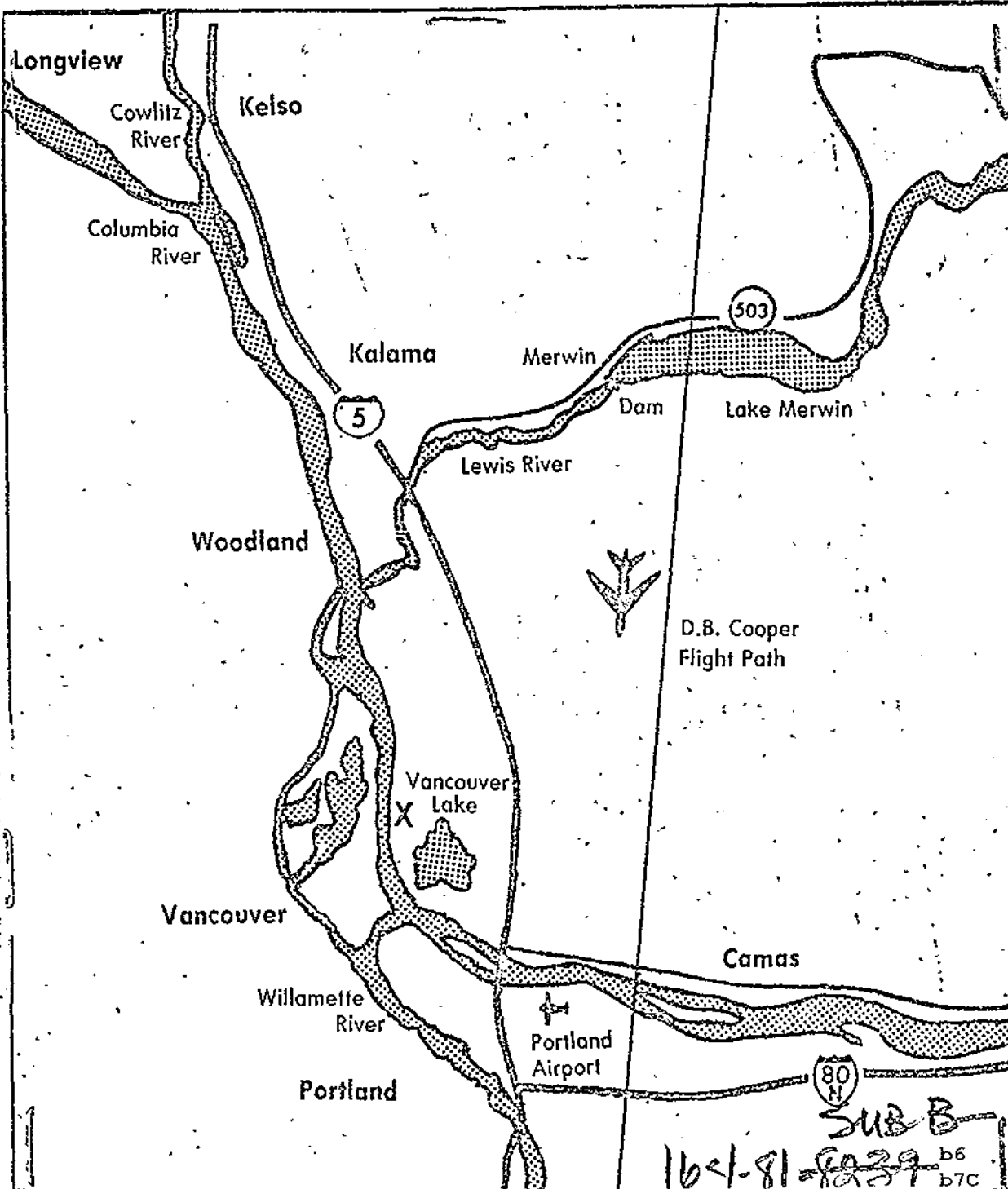
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FBI Halts Search For Cooper Clues & Loot

FBI agents yesterday called off their search on a sandy beach of the Columbia River west of Vancouver for more evidence of D.B. Cooper and the \$200,000 he carried when he parachuted from a skyjacked airliner in November 1971.

"When the agents get back here next week, we'll discuss what direction to take next," said Jack Pringle, an FBI agent in Seattle.

One partly decomposed bundle of marked \$20 bills from the Cooper loot was found Sunday by a family picnicking beside the river nine miles below Vancouver.

It probably will be at least a week before the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., will report on how much money was found, said Bill Williams, of the FBI office in Portland, Ore., whose agents dug and sifted the sand earlier this week.

Cooper is believed to have parachuted over Lake Merwin in Cowlitz County. No trace of him or the money

is known to have been found until the discovery Sunday.

Williams said yesterday that Leonard Palmer, a geologist at Portland State University, concluded that the money drifted onto the river bank sometime after August 1974. The money lay in sand on top of spoil from a dredging operation that was conducted that month, Palmer told the FBI.

Pringle said that sooner or later the recovered money will be returned to its owner.

"We don't know who that is and it's not up to us to determine," he said. "It might be that a court will have to decide."

The \$200,000 was delivered to Cooper aboard a Northwest Airline plane in Seattle after he skyjacked it.

Brent Baskfield, a Northwest public relations officer in St. Paul, Minn., said Northwest paid the money but has been reimbursed for most of it by The Globe Insurance Co. in New York City.

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Pickings are slim in Cooper treasure hunt

by Richard Zahler
and Steve Johnston
Times staff reporters

Federal Bureau of Investigation treasure hunters returned to a cold and sandy Columbia River beach downstream from Vancouver, Wash., today seeking more clues to the eight-year-old D.B. Cooper skyjacking mystery.

The F.B.I. mixed a little science and technology with a lot of old-fashioned elbow grease yesterday in continued digging at the beach. Agents continued to find scraps of \$20 bills in the area where a picnicking Vancouver family found three bundles of money Sunday.

Through serial numbers, those decomposed bundles of bills have been identified as "several thousand dollars" of the \$200,000 given to the man who hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 in November, 1971, then parachuted from the jet with his loot. The F.B.I. believes he jumped somewhere in the vicinity of LaCenter, about 25 miles northeast of the beach where the money was found.

Yesterday's search, aided by a backhoe and advice from a Portland State University geologist, provided no clues how the money got to the beach or where it has been since the hijacking.

F.B.I. agents said the money still was packaged in the same order as it was given to the hijacker. The geologist said the money probably had been there for less than two years.

Kenneth Moore, a Seattle F.B.I. agent assigned to the case, said, "One reason for conducting an exhaustive search of this area would be to find other indications of what happened — pieces of clothing, pieces of bag, pieces of parachute or human remains, which in this case would be only bones."

The beach area is 7½ miles northwest of Vancouver on a stretch of shoreline used heavily by fishermen and lined with industrial plants and farms.

Moore and other agents said it would be just speculation to suggest that Cooper might have come down near the Columbia River beach, or that the search site might give any clue besides additional pieces of money. The round shape of the wads of money suggested that the cash could have tumbled along the river bed, agents said.

The farmers who own the shoreland, Al and Richard Fazio, said the place where the money was found is periodically underwater during high river runoff, like last week.

Moore said the currency might have been pumped on the beach during the dredging, but that was doubted by Dr. Leonard Palmer, Portland State geologist.

Palmer said the scraps of money had been found in looser sand, not in dredging spoils. The river last was dredged there in 1974.

Moore said the meager evidence suggests the hijacker "may have landed in the water, although not necessarily the Columbia."

Speculation that Cooper could have dropped into Lake Merwin, a reservoir on the Lewis River, was replaced this week by speculation he could have landed in the Washougal River watershed. The Lewis River enters downstream from the search area, the Washougal upstream from Vancouver.

But Moore said there were no plans to search upriver "unless evidence leads us to a more specific area."

Small pieces of currency were found yesterday in scattered places as they combed through sand several hundred feet downstream from Sunday's discovery site.

Other fragments showed up as agents shoveled sand through wire screens around the main site. The largest piece discovered yesterday was about the size of a stick of chewing gum. It was several layers thick.

Moore said the new fragments may once have been part of the destroyed bundles discovered Sunday.

Although there were several rewards offered for the discovery of the money or the arrest of D.B. Cooper, federal agents said it looked as if the Harold Ingram family is out of luck. Ingram's son, Brian, 8, uncovered the money.

"As far as I know, all reward offers have been canceled," a Portland F.B.I. agent, Bill Williams, said.

Roy Erickson, a spokesman for Northwest Orient in St. Louis, said the airline had settled with its insurance company, Globe of New York, several years ago and received \$180,000.

"Our loss was covered by our insurance and so we are out of the situation now," he said.

Ralph Himmelsbach, a Portland F.B.I. agent who has worked on the D.B. Cooper case since 1971, said the finding of the money gave him "a certain sense of satisfaction," the Associated Press reported.

"The case isn't solved," Himmelsbach said, "but this is certainly a major milestone."

"So we know at least that he (Cooper) never spent this money, and we know that none of the money he was given has ever turned up in circulation."

Himmelsbach said Cooper's skeleton probably never will be found if it is in the forested mountain area where he is supposed to have landed.

"Unlike the money, Cooper is biodegradable," Himmelsbach said.

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FBI: Cooper likely dead man

By KERRY WEBSTER
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It's more likely than ever that the legendary D. B. Cooper is just a grinning skeleton in a nylon shroud, say FBI agents raking the sand for the last of his mouldering stash.

"The discovery of the money adds credence to the theory that he probably did not survive the jump," said Bill Williams, a special agent in Portland.

On the north bank of the Columbia River today, more than 30 FBI agents worked behind a cordon of armed sheriff's deputies, spading over every square foot of sand along 150 feet of shoreline.

The site is where eight-year-old Brian Ingram of Vancouver, digging idly in the sand with a stick on Sunday, turned up a sodden wad of \$20 bills.

Serial numbers on the money — 12 stacks of twenties, still in their bank wrappings — matched some of those given to "Dan Cooper" when he hijacked Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Flourishing what looked like a stick of dynamite, "Cooper" ordered the plane to fly from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to Reno, Nev., after first demanding \$200,000 and four parachutes.

The Boeing 727's flight recorder indicated that he jumped from the plane's lowered rear stairwell somewhere near Ariel, a tiny logging town in Southwest Washington.

No trace of Cooper or the hijacking loot had shown up in the past nine years. The mysterious air pirate in that time has become a cult figure, with sweatshirts, bumperstickers and endless pulp-magazine stories dedicated to the exploit.

FBI agents, who have been the butt of D. B. Cooper jokes for nine years, did not conceal a certain grim satisfaction when they announced the finding of the money in Seattle and Portland press conferences yesterday.

The fact that the money appears to have washed up on the riverbank, rather than having been purposely buried there, increases the chances that Cooper is dead.

"There is no way we can tell if he is dead or alive," said John Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office. "We only know that if he is alive, he doesn't have this money."

The site of the find is about nine miles downriver from the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia between Portland and Vancouver. Young Ingram made the discovery while picnicking with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram.

The elder Ingram told reporters yesterday he was preparing to build a fire when his son "ran up and said, 'Wait a minute, Daddy.' He raked a place out in the sand, and there it was."

Ingram told The Associated Press he didn't even consider spending the money, because it looked so badly deteriorated.

The decomposed money was being sent today to the FBI crime lab in Washington, D.C., for examination. Pringle said there is a possibility that mud and soil deposited in the bundles may give a clue as to where they were washed from.

"We're going to be doing some study of tide tables and flood records, also," added Portland agent Williams today. "That'll tell us whether examining any of the

Columbia's tributaries would be useful."

The Washougal River flows into the Columbia below the money site, and its origins are deep in the woods over which Cooper is believed to have jumped.

However, Williams noted, the Columbia is frequently dredged and often floods where the money was found, so the situation could be very confused.

Pringle said Cooper jumped with the money tied around his waist, and he said he believed "it was in a bag which would have deteriorated over this length of time."

He said a major objective of the search going on now is to find some other object that is connected to Cooper.

"We could find bones, or a piece of parachute," he said. "Nylon does not deteriorate rapidly."

Agents using spades and rakes have discovered a few more pieces of \$20 bills, about the size of nickels and dimes, according to the FBI. The new discoveries were made within a three-foot radius of the original finding.

"We are planning to bring in some heavy equipment tomorrow to speed things up," Williams said. "The problem when you dig up a spadeful of sand is, what do you do with the sand?"

In Ariel, meanwhile, tavern owner Dave Fisher said the little town will go on with plans for its annual "D. B. Cooper party" at his Ariel Store & Tavern this Nov. 24.

"You know, if they had found the body," he said, "we were planning some sort of a memorial party."

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More D.B. Cooper cash sought

by Richard Zahler
and Steve Johnston
Times staff reporters

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation brought a backhoe and experts in soil, archeology and river currents to a sandy Columbia River beach west of here today to seek more clues into the 8-year-old D.B. Cooper hijacking mystery.

An 8-year-old boy Sunday uncovered on the beach a small part of the \$200,000 the legendary hijacker had strapped to his body when he parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over Southwestern Washington November 24, 1971.

F.B.I. agents yesterday found more fragments of \$20 bills while digging at the beach. Paul Hudson, the F.B.I.'s on-site coordinator, said the fragments — the size of nickels and quarters — were found as much as 5 feet away from where the money was found Sunday. Some fragments were 3 feet under the surface.

Hudson said the bureau is trying to determine possible ways the money reached the beach. The river recently covered the beach, he said.

Hudson also noted that the Columbia River channel is dredged periodically and sand from the river bottom is pumped on the shore.

"It's possible that it washed up here a period of time ago . . . not 9 years ago but not necessarily recently," Hudson said.



Brian Ingram
Got scoop on skyjacker

Discovery of the money "probably raises as many questions as it does answers," Hudson said. "In my own mind I can rule out the possibility that (the money) was buried here."

Hudson said whether searchers might find Cooper's remains in the area is "one of the questions we hope to answer today."

The beach is about nine miles west of Vancouver, adjacent to a dairy farm and a popular spot for steelhead fishing. Today a Clark County deputy sheriff was at the

farm gate, turning away fishermen and the curious.

One longtime fisherman, Sidney Tipper, 80, of Vancouver, was admitted to fish. Tipper said, "I've been going up and down this river for 10 years. The money wasn't very deep. If it had been here (a long time) I think we'd have seen it."

The F.B.I. said yesterday it presumes the money had been washed downstream, possibly from a tributary to the Columbia. An Army Engineers hydrologist said that the Washougal River was the only tributary that might have carried the money. The Washougal is the first Washington tributary upstream from Vancouver.

William M. Baker, assistant special agent for the Portland F.B.I. office, said he expected searches would be carried out along the Columbia to the mouth of the Washougal and possibly up the Washougal.

The money recovered Sunday, in three bundles of decomposing \$20 bills, was discovered by Brian Ingram, 8, of Vancouver. The boy

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Phones 'ringing off the hook' at Ariel

by Richard Zahler
Times staff reporter

ARIEL, Cowlitz County — Not much happens in Ariel, a small logging community 11 miles east of Woodland.

Until a hijacker vanished mysteriously over Southwest Washington more than eight years ago, probably nothing happened in Ariel.

But D.B. Cooper put the town on the map, and yesterday and last night the telephones at the Ariel Store & Tavern were "ringing off the hook" said Dave Fisher, the owner.

Ariel happens to be near Lake Merwin, and a number of theorists suggested that Cooper might have gone into the reservoir behind the Ariel dam.

Since 1976 the Ariel Tavern has hosted an annual D.B. Cooper party on November 24, the anniversary of the hijacking in 1971. Every year 200 to 300 people have shown up to eat buffalo stew and see whether Cooper would answer the standing invitation to join the party.

He never has, of course.

Fisher bought the tavern and the tradition 15 months ago, and until 3:30 yesterday afternoon, "I wasn't expecting a thing tonight. It's pretty dead in winter."

But then the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced in Seattle and Portland that part of \$200,000 given to the hijacker had been found along the banks of the Columbia River near Vancouver.

The moldering money, about \$24,000, was found by a family picnicking along the river north of Portland. A young boy digging in the sandy riverbanks with a stick uncovered the loot.

After that, Fisher said, "It was just like the D.B. Cooper party."

Fisher said he had been on the run answering telephone calls from television-network reporters in New York and newspapers and radio stations all over the West Coast.

Only about 20 or 30 patrons were in the Ariel Tavern last night, and most were paying as much attention to playing pool as to the Cooper talk. A weekly Tuesday-night pool match with the Riverside Tavern in Woodland had been moved to Ariel last night at the request of a Portland television station interested in filming reaction to the discovery of the money.

Fisher and others said they were mystified as to how the money arrived on the banks of the Columbia River, but they still would have to be persuaded that the hijacker didn't survive after he bailed out of the Boeing 727.

"I still think he's alive, until they find some bones," Fisher said.

He said the finding could lead to other developments, pointing out that the discovery by the boy was a strange first trace of Cooper after so many years.

Then the telephone rang in the next room. Fisher raced to answer it, laughed and announced, "San Jose calling."

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Finally, a fact is added to Cooper saga

by Steve Johnston
Times staff reporter

Passengers on Flight 305 remembered the man as a quiet-spoken sort wearing a dark brown suit. He took the last seat on the right-hand side of the Northwest Orient Airline's flight out of Portland heading for Seattle.

The only thing unusual about the man was that he wore sun glasses, unusual because it was a rainy day on November 24, 1971, a day before Thanksgiving.

The man checked aboard the Boeing 727 under the name of "Dan Cooper" in Portland, the last leg of the flight that had started in Washington, D.C.

By the time the plane finally set down in Reno several hours later, the man who became known as "D.B. Cooper" was gone, along with \$200,000 in \$20 bills, two parachutes and a briefcase which Cooper told the stewardess contained a bomb.

Somewhere in Southwest Washington, D.B. Cooper had bailed out at 10,000 feet into dark storm clouds and into history. He would remain to this day the only hijacker in the United States ever to escape arrest.

Over the last seven years, the F.B.I. has questioned more than 1,000 possible suspects, chased down thousands of leads and heard from hundreds of people who claim either to be Cooper or to know his whereabouts.

But it took an 8-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy to uncover the only piece of concrete evidence that Cooper really did bail out into the dense forest of Southwest Washington.

Until Brian Ingram dug up 12 packets of \$20 bills while on a picnic with his family along the Columbia River, law-enforcement officers only assumed D.B. Cooper jumped over Southwest Washington. The plane's recorder showed a "low pressure bump" at 8:11 p.m. near Woodland, and when the plane landed in Reno, the hijacker couldn't be found.

Hundreds of searchers spread out over the area around Woodland, hoping either to find the body or the money or just a piece of the parachute dangling from a tree. Most parachute experts consulted at the time agreed it would be almost impossible for Cooper to survive the plunge.

But within days of the hijacking, the legend of D.B. Cooper

started to build. People started to talk about him as a modern-day Robin Hood. They admired the daring, the planning and the execution of the jump.

Slowly but surely, the reports of encounters with Cooper started to come out. A man in Woodland said someone knocked at his back door on November 24 about the time Cooper would have landed, but he didn't answer. Other people started turning in friends who looked like Cooper, in hopes of collecting the \$25,000 reward.

Then the stories started to appear. The now defunct Seattle Flag ran several pages of purported interview with Cooper, and two

Kitsap County men were arrested for selling a fake interview with Cooper to a former contributing editor of Newsweek for \$30,000.

Five months ago, two Tacoma men said they had talked with D.B. Cooper, who, they said, was living in Puyallup. The man told them that the money was buried under a pile of garbage at the Puyallup dump.

Mostly, however, people just have had fun with the D.B. Cooper story. T-shirts with the picture of D.B. Cooper in his sunglasses and bearing the legend, "D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" became popular, and there even was a song written about him.

The residents of Ariel, Cowlitz County, near where Cooper supposedly bailed out, started holding an annual "D.B. Cooper Day" to commemorate the event. The festival, called the "Cooper Caper," featured buffalo stew and sky divers and attracted more than 800 people. But not, apparently, D.B. Cooper.

As for the two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who have been on the case since it began, they say they believe D.B. Cooper probably died the night he went

out the plane.

"It is my personal opinion that he is dead," said Joseph O'Connell, who has retired. "He jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet on a cold, raw night and he jumped in an area densely populated with Douglas fir and ponderosa pine."

Ralph Himmelsbach, Portland F.B.I. agent who is to retire February 29, said he was "delighted" about the money being found. He said the find reduced the chances of Cooper ever being found alive to "less than 50-50."

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My Search for D.B. Cooper

9 Years Trailing The Phantom Skyjacker

Tuesday's announcement of the finding of part of the D.B. Cooper loot was the first dramatic development in one of the nation's most publicized — and puzzling — skyjack cases. Seattle writer Darrell Bob Houston, who has devoted years of study to the case and who wrote the book "King of the Midnight Blue," herewith reviews the D.B. Cooper history and his own preoccupation with it.

By Darrell Bob Houston

My first mistake was having the same initials as D.B. Cooper.

My second was writing a book about him.

My third was allowing myself to become a D.B. Cooper expert.

My fourth — and perhaps most dangerous — was when I scoffed

at the supernatural overtones in the case.

My fifth mistake was the most embarrassing. After nine years of checking out everything from the Raleigh filter cigarettes that D.B. smoked to the thin clip-on necktie he wore, I came to see him as a kind of avatar. The Last Invisible Hero. He could be anybody — because he was nobody. Punk or paragon, he could go either way.

Even the FBI doesn't know what he looked like. The thousands of flyers they plastered around the

world show Cooper's face hidden behind the fattest pair of sunglasses this side of Hollywood Boulevard.

D.B. is the only man ever to make the global Ten Most Wanted List — in disguise. But ask any school kid who the first man to walk on the moon was, and all you get is a stare. Mention D.B. and the kid will give you everything but the serial numbers on the ransom money.

There I go, parroting the lines that I've fed to people for the past

nine years. Especially people who wanted my help in turning "the real D.B. Cooper" over to the police. Many claimed to have been in jail with him. One caller, after reading one of my essays on Cooper, said D.B. was really his mother — in drag.

Steadily it was building up, this feeling that I was hiding the truth from myself. I fought it back. Every time a new clue would turn up — a pair of soiled underwear in a Southwest Washington tree, the alleged sighting of a sasquatch, playing building-blocks with a pile of \$20 bills — I would write another skyjack article.

D.B. had become, in a sense, my life. And my livelihood.

Then came the day when the

conviction struck home.

I had just finished a story for Saga Magazine called "The Phantom Skyjacker." I brushed off my dark Montgomery Ward business suit. I flicked at a mote of dust on my lowcut military brogans. I straightened my thin, clip-on tie. I pushed my wrap-around sunglasses up on my forehead and exclaimed to the skies.

"It's true. I know too much. I am D.B. Cooper!"

My megalomania fled the next day.

It was the letter that did it. From the opening paragraph, I was hooked.

Here's how it began:

Thanksgiving eve, 1971. A stormy night. A Northwest Orient 727 lumbers through the darkness. Its speed is barely above stall-point. A stairwell slowly distends from the big jet's belly.

A man appears. He rides the swaying ladder like a totem on a fire ladder. He wears a dark suit and overcoat. Sunglasses are taped to his temples.

Strapped to his waist is a canvas bag stuffed with the \$200,000 ransom he collected at Seattle. Over his buttocks, on the same strap, an attache case dangles. It is black and contains five sticks of phony dynamite.

The man is poised on the final step. His laughter rises in the wind. He spreads his arms wide and skydives toward the treetops — and the folklore of the nation.

D.B. Cooper has arrived. The world will never be the same place again.

I felt a pang of professional jealousy. This guy was good with the

typewriter. And all the space-age jargon was there. He called the 727-100's engines "Pratt & Whitney jewels." He knew the skyjacked plane's fuel capacity — in U.S. gallons. And he knew how much 10,000 twenties weighed.

It was smooth and authentic. Still, the writer could have gotten most of that stuff out of Jane's All the World's Aircraft.

But one section struck home. The part that told about the delivery of the ransom aboard the 727 at Sea-Tac Airport:

"The bills were the real McCoy. But all of them had been xeroxed to get their serial numbers. I know. I snarfed them personally."

Snarfed? A doozy of a verb, an active verb.

One that might lead me straight

to the skyjacker. To an all-time journalistic scoop. To fame, fortune — and a Hollywood contract.

I read the letter a dozen times.

It was signed like the rest of them: D.B. Cooper. This one, however, was different. After more than 200 bogus D.B.'s write to you, you can tell.

The address was an apartment-house on Capitol Hill. The place smelled of pomade and insecticide.

It was enough to make a health inspector call in sick. I knocked on Number 9.

"He ain't here. Not if you're looking for D.B."

The old man had tippy-toed up behind me in the carpeted hall.

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More Of D.B.'s Ransom Found

By Neil Modie

FBI agents yesterday found bits of more \$20 bills buried in the sand beside the Columbia River near Vancouver, Wash., and said it was more of the \$200,000 ransom collected in 1971 by airline hijacker D.B. Cooper.

Agents speculated earlier in the day that the muck and sand the money was buried in may have been dredge material. But they discounted that theory after a geologist examined the site, about 10 miles northwest of Vancouver.

"His (the geologist's) feeling is that the probabilities are that the material was washed ashore rather than (being in) dredged sand," FBI Agent Ralph Himmelsbach of Portland told The Post-Intelligencer last night.

Children on a family outing on Sunday found the first half-decomposed packets of \$20 bills with which Cooper had parachuted from a Northwest Orient jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, 1971.

The total was between \$1,000 and \$4,000, Himmelsbach said, and serial numbers checked matched numbers on the marked bills given Cooper.

The money was found farther downriver from Vancouver than FBI agents had estimated Tuesday, when they announced the discovery, and it caused Himmelsbach to return to the theory he has had since 1971 that Cooper landed — dead or alive — in the vicinity of Lake Merwin on the Lewis River about 25 miles north of Vancouver.

Himmelsbach, the agent in charge of the investigation since the hijacking took place, said he believes the dozen packets of greenbacks were gradually washed down the Lewis River and into the Columbia River. Then, he said, ocean tides could have pushed them several miles up the Columbia to where they were found.

There was speculation Tuesday

that the site was too far up the Columbia for the money to have come from the Lewis River.

However, Himmelsbach said yesterday, "My understanding is that this is tidal water, and if so, there are times that this (river) runs backward. So it could have run upstream that far."

Did Cooper, lightly dressed and buffeted by wind and freezing rain when he parachuted from the airliner, drop the money on the way down?

"That's a good possibility," Himmelsbach said. "There's also the possibility that he just took the money, and neither he nor the money left there (where he landed)."

"I feel this is an indication that probably he didn't make it (alive), and it has been my feeling that probably he didn't make it because of the circumstances of the jump and the fact that he didn't have the proper equipment for parachuting," Himmelsbach continued.

"He didn't have a hardhat, goggles, leather gloves, jump suit or jump boots. He didn't have any of those things and he sure needed them all."

"I don't think the fall killed him," Himmelsbach theorized, "but there was that sudden stop. I think probably

there was good likelihood he was injured during the fall and didn't have any help . . . and was unable to extricate himself (from wherever he fell). And probably is still there."

Agents continued digging yesterday, and Himmelsbach said he didn't know how long they would continue.

There was no trace at the site of the legendary extortionist nor of his parachute, and Himmelsbach indicated he didn't expect to find such evidence there.

The ransom money was given to Cooper at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after he threatened to blow up the 727 trijet while on a flight from Portland. At Sea-Tac, he allowed all the passengers and all but four members of the crew to leave, demanded and received the \$200,000 and four parachutes, and had the plane depart for Reno, Nev.

The skyjacker bailed out over Southwest Washington.

Sunday's find was particularly satisfying for Himmelsbach, who on Feb. 29 is scheduled to retire from the FBI after a career of nearly 29 years — more than eight of which were spent trying to solve the Cooper caper. The discovery of the money was the first solid break in the case.

"It doesn't increase my (retirement) annuity any, but it does make me happy," Himmelsbach said.

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Found D.B.'s Loot!

Kids Dig Up Hijack Cash

By Neil Modie

More than eight years after D.B. Cooper parachuted into rainy darkness from a hijacked airliner, part of his \$200,000 loot was found buried in a river bank near Vancouver, Wash., the FBI announced yesterday.

Badly weathered and apparently washed ashore from the Columbia River, the stacks of \$20 bills say nothing encouraging about the fate of the legendary hijacker.

"It can tell you a number of things — either he dropped the money or he's dead," commented John D. Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office in Seattle. "We can't tell at this point."

For Ralph Himmelsbach of Portland, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation since it began, the discovery reinforces his opinion that Cooper died after he parachuted from a Northwest Orient 727 trijet on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.



BRIAN INGRAM
The money in the sand

Himmelsbach said the find reduced to "less than 50 - 50" the odds that Cooper is still alive.

The money was found Sunday by an 8-year-old Vancouver boy, Brian Ingram, and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise, as they were digging in the sand with sticks along the river bank during a family outing.

"This clue is the first we've had since the night of the occurrence," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland office, which the Ingram family contacted on Monday.

The money was found about 25 miles southwest of the area where the FBI had thought it most likely Cooper landed after he parachuted from the jetliner into a freezing rainstorm on Nov. 24, 1971.

The hijacker, who had used the name "Dan Cooper" to buy his airline ticket, boarded the jet in Portland, threatened to blow it up with what he claimed was a bomb in his briefcase, then forced it to land in Seattle to collect the ransom.

Cooper allowed 36 passengers aboard the flight to leave, then ordered the crew of four to fly it to Reno after \$200,000 in marked bills and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board.

As the southbound airliner passed over Southwest Washington, the hijacker — wearing only a business suit and street shoes — parachuted through a rear stairwell door.

As "Dan Cooper" became a legend, the name "D.B. Cooper" — as an FBI agent had initially identified him — became the name that stuck.

The FBI said his chances of survival were slim because he was lightly dressed for jumping into a howling wind and a freezing rain in a parachute not likely to work.

Agents have theorized that his remains are at the bottom of Lake Merwin, its forest of underwater snags entangling his parachute, or his

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**Boy who found
hijack loot gets
bill as souvenir**

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old who uncovered some of D.B. Cooper's hijack loot, will get to keep one of the frayed \$20 bills as a souvenir.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also gave the Vancouver boy a certificate praising him for his discovery.

Brian was helping his father, Harold, build a fire on a Columbia River beach February 10 when he uncovered three bundles of weathered \$20 bills. The bills were the first evidence uncovered in the case since Cooper hijacked the jetliner in 1971.

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'Wait a minute Daddy' jolts Cooper story

By Thomas Ryll
Vancouver Columbian

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — It started as a Sunday picnic on a chilly river beach for a Vancouver, Wash., family and became a new chapter in the legend of D.B. Cooper.

With one sweep of his arm, 8-year-old Brian Ingram discovered Sunday what thousands of searchers failed to find — a bundle of \$20 bills, now deteriorated, demanded by the infamous, parachuting skyjacker in 1971.

Tuesday night in an interview with the *Vancouver Columbian*, Brian, his father, H. Dwayne, and his mother, Patricia, recounted the events of a casual outing that unearthed what one official called the "most important discovery" in the 8½-year-old case. At the same time, the elder Ingram described finding several thousand dollars of soggy cash as "heartbreaking" without a penny of reward money in sight.

The family and two relatives were walking along the Columbia River near a sand company about 3:30 p.m. Sunday. They decided to gather wood for a fire to take the chill off the 40-degree temperature.

"I gathered an armload of firewood," said Ingram, 28, a painter for U-Cart Manufacturing, a Vancouver firm. "He (Brian) was doing his part, happy and enthusiastic. I was about ready to set the wood down and he said, 'Wait a minute, Daddy.'"

Brian, a second-grader at Hough Elementary School, knelt beneath his father to smooth a spot for the fire. He swept the river sand only once, uncovering three worn bundles of \$20 bills.

"I seen that money, I thought 'Wow!'" recalled the slender, towheaded youngster, who said it was the first money he ever found. "I went over to my parents and they thought it was counterfeit."

Unknown to them, Brian had uncovered part of a \$200,000 ransom handed over to a man calling himself Dan Cooper on Nov. 24, 1971. Cooper demanded the cash as ransom and hijacked a Northwest Airline Boeing 727 jet in Seattle.

As the plane flew south to Reno, Nev., Cooper bailed out from the jet's rear-stairway with the bundled money wrapped in a parachute and tied to his body.

Authorities believe he jumped over southwest Washington.

The Ingrams, who moved here from Oklahoma less than a year ago, said they were aware of the D.B. Cooper saga but did not connect it to their find.

Neither did the buried treasure put a damper on the afternoon activities. "We had a picnic," said Ingram. "We forgot about the money and had a great time."

Back home about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, the bills, eroded into lozenge-shaped piles, were placed unceremoniously atop a kitchen cabinet to dry.

"I was thinking about decoupageing them and putting them on a board," said Mrs. Ingram, 26.

"I thought it might have been mob money or lost money. I just didn't know what to think, but it was just money that looked useless to me."

Monday, during his 10 a.m. coffee break, Ingram called a local bank to see whether the battered bills could be exchanged for new ones. A bank employee told him it could be done if the serial numbers were intact, but added a check would be made of the numbers.

Ingram said he brooded on that the rest of the day and called the Portland FBI office Monday evening, reading several serial numbers to an agent.

When Ingram called back 30 minutes later, "they said they'd like to talk to me."

It was not until Tuesday morning that he learned the money was part of the Cooper caper.

Tuesday evening, the couple watched themselves on national television. By then, they had grown weary of the day's hectic activities and exuded disappointment in learning that apparently no reward awaits their honesty.

"It's just heartbreaking that nothing may come of this," Ingram said.

"I went from a rich man to a poor man without hardly making a move."

Supporting a family of four and making the \$200 a month rent payment for their ragged westside home is tough at times, Ingram said, adding "If all this fame came with a little fortune, I would talk to everyone in the world about this story."

He abruptly ended the interview minutes later, turning his eyes to the television set, saying, "If you don't mind, I've waited five years to see this movie (The Exorcist) on television."

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The Hero Left a Victim After All

By Darrell Bob Houston

The big 727-100 shot spray as it powered down the runway at Sea-Tac, leaving an oily rainbow in its wake. The pilot began his climb, grabbing altitude at more than 3,000 feet per minute. He leveled off at 30,000 in the vicinity of Mount St. Helens, home of the legendary Sasquatch and a landmark in the nine-year ground search for D.B. Cooper.

I looked up from my manuscript and studied the cabin. Seat C, Row 18. That's where Cooper had sat on Flight 305, chain-smoking his Raleighs and fondling that attache case with the five phony sticks of dynamite inside. Mr. Nice Guy with the Rotary Club smile and the cheap business suit. Tobacco stains on his teeth — and larceny in his heart.

I glanced at the ventral stairwell. That had been the key to D.B.'s dreamship. Located under the center engine, it allowed him to climb out and jump

without being sucked into a turbofan or sliced to carrots on the flaps.

Now, a large red sign proclaimed: This stairway cannot be opened in flight. The D.B. door was closed — for good. Cooper had changed the specifications of a fleet of \$5 million airplanes. He had also made me a hero worshiper.

The stewardess came up the aisle. She stopped at my seat.

"I'm curious . . ." she began. My paranoia mounted. I fumbled around, trying to hide the manuscript that was open on my lap.

The stewardess was charmed by my modesty.

"You're a writer, aren't you?"

I mumbled a confession.

" . . . And that's a book manuscript?" Her smile was very white. I thought of the froth on a Wyoming trout stream.

Faking a coughing attack, I bent over the thick pile of pages that constituted my D.B. Cooper novel.

"What's your book about?"

I sat up straight.

"It's about a man," I said. "A man who figured that we're all riding on an airplane. Its name is Earth — and its zooming through the Void at something like 66,690 miles an hour.

"But even at that speed — or so his

theory went — most people are still bored spitless.

"This man gave us the answer: The only way to get off that angst ridden airplane IS TO JUMP!"

I saw it coming — all the way to the nearest FBI interrogation room.

"What was his name?"

"D.B. Cooper," I whispered.

"Any relation to James Fenimore?"

The stewardess' wink said it all. I closed my eyes. I wanted to slip on my dark glasses — but why tempt fate any further? I would have to cringe openly.

I pretended to sleep all the way to San Francisco.

Emerson said that the trouble with heroes is not their ceramic feet. It's that eventually they become a pain in the ass.

I wonder if the Sage of Concord would have been all that blasé about the actural little gent who called himself Dan Cooper — especially if D.B. had kept him in groceries for almost 10 years.

When I think back to that stormy Thanksgiving Eve of 1971, the night Cooper half-gained his way to immortality, I find it hard to label him the criminal he officially is — dead or alive.

I was huddled in bed in my \$50-a-month pad on Summit Avenue, listening to the radio and eating noodles with a pair of borrowed chopsticks.

The noodles were even colder than the apartment. But after the first flash about the parachute skyjack, it didn't matter.

Apologizing to my pet cockroach, William S. Burroughs III, I scratched around on the floor and found a dime. I called the Los Angeles Times. The editors assigned me to do a D.B. story.

I was elated. I would eat again. So would Burroughs, who was as sick of monosodium glutamate as I was.

The first national D.B. Cooper epic was laid out in the March 19, 1972 issue of the L.A. Times' West Magazine. It covered seven full pages with six diagrams and photographs. Included, too, was a song called "The Ballad of D.B. Cooper." The lyric was catchy — and forgettable.

Then, after the huge presses at Times Mirror Square had already kicked in, the editors had second thoughts. With several thousand copies

run off, the Times pulled my story and replated — at considerable cost.

They said they loved the headline: "Coffee, Tea — or \$200,000?" But they didn't want to glorify the skyjacker who, after all, was a dangerous fugitive.

Now how in the hell was I going to rationalize that to a cockroach?

My hero-fixation surfaced next on a Seattle television show.

By that time I was really into my role. I had my own tacky attache case to go with my black suit and skimpy tie. I encouraged people to call me D.B. I wore my sunglasses — even on rainy days.

When my television host asked me if I thought Cooper was a new American hero, I was ready.

"Yes," I said. "He was a terrific hero. He screwed the System back — nonviolently, nonpolitically. He didn't hurt anybody, and he only took 200 grand.

"And best of all" — I had rehearsed the line for a week — "he didn't leave any footprints in the clouds."

The switchboard at the station turned into a pinball machine.

The most irate of the callers was Ernest K. Gann, the author and former airline pilot.

I still have a copy of the telegram he sent to the station the next day.

"The true depiction of all hijackers for what they are, instead of as heroes," it said in conclusion, "must be shown now or you and your loved ones may well, and very soon, be aboard the next of another Robin Hood's terrible adventures."

I fired back at Gann through Emmett Watson's column in The P.I. I repeated my favorite argument: D.B., with his lopsided grin and gentle manner, had left no victims.

I was not only smug. I was wrong.

The door to my apartment was ajar when I returned. A tall young woman sat at my writing desk. Blonde hair fell to her shoulders. Her posture struck me as incongruent to her beauty. Her slump was one of weariness — and defeat.

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Cooper parties will continue in Ariel

By Fran Kaiser
The Daily News Staff Writer

ARIEL — The party will go on — whether D.B. Cooper is found or not.

That assurance is from Laurel Fisher, owner of the Ariel Store and Tavern, where legend seekers gather each November to fete the famous skyjacker.

"We'll probably have the party forever," said Laurel, who spent the morning hosting television crews from as far away as Los Angeles after some of Cooper's loot was found near Vancouver.

Even if Cooper is found dead the party will continue as a memorial, she said.

"It means something to everyone up here. It's a legend. He sort of put Ariel on the map."

Authorities believe Cooper bailed out of the hijacked Boeing 727 near Lake Merwin in the area east of Woodland. Neither he nor \$200,000 in loot was ever seen — until some of the money appeared Tuesday.

The money caused excitement in the small community on the Lewis River near Merwin Dam. Despite the find, some Ariel residents still say maybe Cooper dropped some of his money, but got away.

Laurel and her husband, David, bought the store 15 months ago and continued the traditional party started by the former owner.

About 300 people showed up for last November's party. Some, perhaps, hoped Cooper himself might be lured to the celebration if he's alive.

He's never shown, but he has an open invitation.

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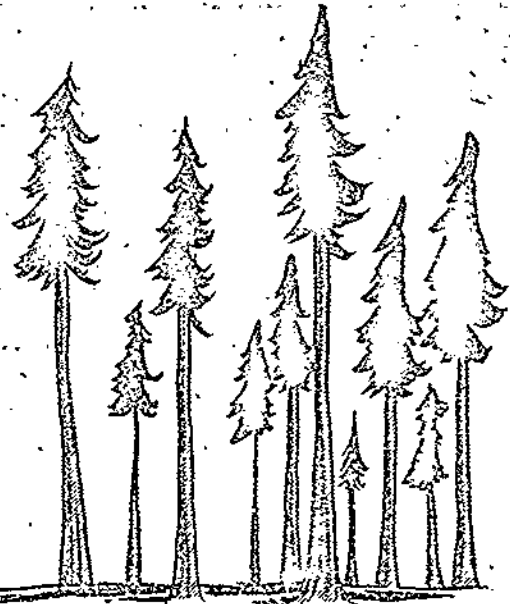
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I DEVELOPED YESTERDAY.



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Found by Family on Outing Part of 'D. B. Cooper' Loot

WASHINGTON—A young Vancouver, Wash., family on an outing along the Columbia River last Sunday suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of moldering money—part of the \$200,000 that the notorious airline hijacker "D. B. Cooper" made off with more than eight years ago, the FBI said Tuesday.

With the bills now having been traced definitely to the Cooper loot, 30 agents from the Portland and Seattle FBI offices have begun an extensive search of the area for more of the money—and possibly for some sign of Cooper or, more likely, his remains.

The money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—was found in Washington about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge that spans the Columbia and separates Washington from Oregon, FBI agent William M. Baker told a news conference in Portland.

Discovery of the money by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their sons, 8 and 3, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again. When found by the Ingrams, the stacks of \$20 bills were bound by decomposing rubber bands, the FBI said. But there was "no trace of D. B. Cooper," according to the agency.

Shortly after the hijacking, a cult sprang up around D. B. Cooper, a name that never has been traced to its origins.

A private club was named in his honor, D. B. Cooper T-shirts were manufactured, bumper stickers were run off and anniversary parties were held.

Baker said in Portland that whether Cooper got away with the rest of the money was an open question.

Law enforcement authorities long have believed that Cooper died in his plunge from the Boeing 727 because he was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped into a howling wind and freezing rain in an unreliable parachute. It has been estimated that he hit the ground at a speed of 50 to 70 m.p.h.

The saga began when "Cooper" boarded the jetliner in Portland for an evening flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. However, the FBI said Tuesday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to take the plane to Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and to open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members last heard his voice on the plane's intercom when they were over the Washington-Oregon border. They said they believe he jumped, using the least reliable parachute.

The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by the Ingrams' older son, Brian. The bills were partly buried in sand that the Ingrams were scooping out to build a fire.

"Here's some more wood for the fire, Daddy," the father recalled his son as saying.

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V ANCOUVER, Wash. — William M. Baker, assistant agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said discovery of the money ago as part of the \$200,000 paid to airline hijacker "D.B. Cooper" have been found on a attempt.

Columbia River beach near here, the FBI announced yesterday. Cooper's extortion effort was the first time a jet had been hijacked for ransom. A number of hijackings for cash have been carried out since the Cooper escapade.

Harold D. Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 28, and their two sons, were picnicking on what is known as Tena's Bar last Sunday when their older son discovered the money. Baker said the FBI could not be certain how much money was in the packets, but said it amounted to "several thousand dollars."

Eight-year-old Brian Ingram was helping his father gather firewood and had scooped out sand for a fire. As his father was about to drop an armload of wood, young Ingram said, "Wait a minute, Daddy."

Recalling his find yesterday, Brian said, "I seen that money, I thought, wow."

But his parents remained calm, the son recalled. "They thought it was counterfeit."

The tattered and worn bills young Ingram found were the first to be recovered by law enforcement agencies since Nov. 24, 1971, when a passenger hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727.

The man, identified on the flight list as Dan Cooper, parachuted out of the airliner somewhere over southwestern Washington.

The serial numbers on the bills discovered by young Ingram matched those on the money given Cooper by the FBI in 1971.

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Mystery remains in the saga of D.B. Cooper

PORTLAND, Ore. — The mystery surrounding D.B. Cooper's skyjacking and disappearance eight years ago has been rekindled by a Vancouver, Wash., family's inadvertent discovery of worn packets of \$20 bills on the Columbia River shoreline — part of Cooper's \$200,000 ransom.

The saga which changed the nature of airline piracy began on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, when Cooper boarded Northwest Airlines flight 305 for a flight from Portland to Seattle. Once aboard, he handed a crew member a note, saying he was carrying a bomb in a satchel and wanted \$200,000 in unmarked \$20 bills.

When the jetliner landed at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport that evening, authorities had arranged the cash and had also obtained four parachutes, as instructed by Cooper.

Cooper then allowed the flight's 36 passengers and all crew members but two pilots and one stewardess to disembark. He then ordered the aircraft to take off for Reno, Nev.

At one point in that flight, the crew felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure, which suggested the jetliner's rear cabin door had opened.

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**Agent 'explains'
beachfront deposit**

PORTLAND (UPI) — Ralph Himmelsbach, the Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who has headed the D.B. Cooper case since the 1971 hijacking, outlines this "possible scenario" to explain how some of the Cooper money washed up on the beach west of Vancouver:

"Probably the money (in the bag) came down close to the bank of a stream. When the water got high enough it washed downstream, bumping along the bottom. The bag finally degraded.

"Perhaps it could have burst on impact, but that is not likely. We think finally, tumbling down the river bottom, it broke open and the money was carried on, wearing off little bits and pieces around the edges, grinding it down like it had been ground with sandpaper or a file, leaving the center portion."

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Part of D.B. Cooper money found

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Compiled from news services

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has found about \$4,000 of the money that the legendary hijacker, D.B. Cooper, carried with him when he parachuted from a commercial jet over Southwest Washington in 1971, a bureau spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said a family wandering along the banks of the Columbia River north of Portland, Ore., found a packet of money this week.

Held together by a rubber band, the packet of \$20 bills was so badly deteriorated the F.B.I. could not make an exact count of the amount, the spokesman said.

Despite the deterioration, the spokesman said the F.B.I. was able to identify the money as part of the \$200,000 ransom given to Cooper in Seattle nine years ago. When the money was given to the hijacker, the F.B.I. kept records of the serial numbers.

The packet was found 20 miles downstream from the point where Cooper is believed to have bailed

out of the Northwest Airlines 727, the spokesman said.

He added that with floods along the river it was likely that in nine years the packet had been carried some distance.

The Portland and Seattle offices of the F.B.I. were conducting a search in the area, but the spokesman said it was unlikely that discovery of the money packet would aid in the search for Cooper, the only parachute-ransom hijacker in United States history who has not been apprehended.

Cooper boarded a Northwest

flight in Portland on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, using the name Dan Cooper. Before the plane reached Seattle, Cooper threatened to explode a "bomb" in his brief case if he were not given \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes and flown to Reno, Nev.

The plane circled Seattle for 2½ hours while authorities gathered the parachutes and money.

The passengers and two of the three stewardesses were allowed to leave the plane. The money and parachutes were loaded and the plane took off for Reno. The pilot

was ordered to fly as slowly as possible.

Somewhere over Southwest Washington, the hijacker, the money and one of the parachutes disappeared out of the plane's rear exit, opened in flight. The approximate place of departure was guessed at from cabin-pressure readings on the flight recorder.

The flight recorder and crew testimony indicated Cooper had jumped near the little town of Ariel, Cowlitz County, about 30 miles north of Portland, a densely wooded area in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

Despite intensive searches of the area, the only item connected with the hijacking ever found was a rear door from the 727.

Nothing ever was seen of Cooper or the \$200,000.

The F.B.I. has said since shortly after the hijacking it believed Cooper probably was killed when he landed.

In 1977, just to make sure the hijacker didn't escape prosecution via the statute of limitations, he was indicted on federal charges in absentia.

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Enclosed are four (4) artists composites, two black and white, and two color, depicting the NORJAK unsub, aka DAN COOPER, D.B. COOPER, with and without glasses.

THE CRIME

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DB Cooper-26411

SUB C
164-81-8458

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : Director, FBI (164-2111)

DATE: 6/30/80

FROM : Legal Attache, OTTAWA (164-47) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(A)
OO: Seattle

Reference: Butel, 6/27/80.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated.

☐ _____ copies of☒ Pertinent information from Butel, 6/27/80.Name and Location of AgencyDate Furnished

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FBI/DOJ

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BUFFALO
(ATTN: SA [redacted])

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/23/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

*SUB C***Re Buffalo telcall to Seattle, 5/23/80.**

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2 - Buffalo (Enc. 4)

① - Seattle

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164-81-8396

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS
(ATTN: SA)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

DATE: 5/21/80

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1 - New Orleans

① - Seattle

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164-81-8395

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 5/19/80

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)(ATTN: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: SEATTLE

SUB C, J

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an agreement prepared by [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] who has a business address in Mountain View, California and telephone numbers of [redacted] and [redacted] has been in contact with the Seattle and other Divisions of the FBI, concerning captioned matter. He states he has done considerable research in connection with an individual whom he feels is a suspect in captioned hijacking and has a book which he has prepared concerning this. He has obtained fingerprints of this individual and desires to furnish them to the FBI for comparison with latent fingerprints which were located in the aircraft following captioned hijacking. It should be noted that there were some latent fingerprints as well as palm prints located in the aircraft.

It has been explained to [redacted] that he can make available to the FBI, the fingerprints which he has and that a comparison will be made and he will be advised of the results. He states, however, that on advice of his attorney, he does not desire to make these fingerprints available until the FBI has signed an agreement with him that they will not prevent him from publishing his book. It has been explained that the FBI will in no way interfere with the publication of his book and that obviously an identification of the subject would be a great benefit for him in marketing his book. He has stated, however, that because of his attorney's advice, he desires to have an agreement signed prior to making the fingerprints available.

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 2 - Seattle
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DB Cooper-26418

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/13/80

FROM :

SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

NORJAK

OO: Seattle

Re telephone call to ASAC [REDACTED] on 4/22/80,
from Representative McCluskey, California.

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Referenced telephone call was made by an Aid to
Congressman McCluskey of California, who requested the name,
composer, and lyrics to a song referred to as "The Ballad
of D. B. Cooper". This inquiry was made pursuant to a
constituent's inquiry and was referred to this office,
specifically ASAC [REDACTED] by the Portland Division.

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A review of Seattle files, indicate the following
references: In Seattle file 164-81-SubB, Vol. 1, newspaper
clipping dated 11/23/72, final edition of the Seattle Post
Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, page A18, written by
Eldon Barrett, reports that a Portland nightclub singer,
Tom Bresh, wrote and recorded a short lived success record
entitled "D. B. Cooper, Where Are You?". Additionally, in
the same file, a Seattle Post Intelligencer article written
by Dick Clever, appearing on 11/23/72, in the final edition,
at page A19, there appears an article penned by Clever and
copyrighted story, the copyright is held by the Seattle Post
Intelligencer, dated 1972, entitled "A Ballad to the Man
Called D. B.".

That story and the words in their entirety are:
"He was cool, he was calm, the man with the "bomb", who
boarded flight 36 with ease. And pilot Bill Scott, not
suspecting the plot, took off with the man called D. B.
They were just in the air, when the stewardess caught the stare,
of the man in the back of the plane. He passed her a paper,
which he thought she'd read later, she thought him a flirt
and quite vain. "Read the note," his voice told, and she
thought him quite bold, to make such a pass in mid flight.
But she did as he asked, and she read and she gasped, as the
jet flew on into the night. The crew was quite shocked, to
find this short hop, this all stop, short hop flight skyjacked."

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DB Cooper-26421

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

May 2, 1980

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[redacted] commonly known as [redacted] Apex, North Carolina, [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] work telephone number [redacted] appeared at the Raleigh, North Carolina, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) where she was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and thereafter furnished the following information:

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[redacted] said a few evenings ago, she was watching a television program entitled "In Search of" and viewed a composite photograph of a man being sought for the hijacking of an airplane about ten years ago in the Northwestern United States. [redacted] stated the program stated the man used the name "D. B. COOPER" and parachuted out of the airplane. [redacted] said the composite photograph resembled her [redacted]

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[redacted] said that on [redacted] at Pueblo, Colorado, which is [redacted] [redacted] said she first met [redacted] during July, 1961, while they both were [redacted] in Pueblo, Colorado. [redacted] said [redacted] on March 14, 1962, and that [redacted] advised that in January or February, 1962, she and [redacted] moved to Parker, Arizona, where they both [redacted] which was owned by [redacted] said [redacted] was older than [redacted] and looked after [redacted] advised that the [redacted] lived in Tucson, Arizona.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] in Parker, Arizona, she returned to Pueblo, Colorado, for a short while before taking a job in Northern California. [redacted] said she worked for [redacted] California, as a [redacted] at various [redacted] in the Northwestern United States. [redacted] stated [redacted] visited her at some of the [redacted] in 1963.

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[redacted] stated she last saw [redacted] in 1963 in Yuma, Arizona, where he was in jail, probably on a [redacted] [redacted] said she visited [redacted] in jail and later saw him on the street there where he told her he had been released.

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Investigation on 5/1/80 at Raleigh, N.C. File # CE 164-219-

by SA [redacted] egp Date dictated 5/1/80

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]
GREENSBORO R.A.

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/6/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
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1 - CHARLOTTE
① - SEATTLE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (164-0-62B) P

DATE: 5/29/80

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUB C, J

SUBJECT: NORJAK CAA - HIJACK (A)
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE: 164-2111

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Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/2/80.

On 4/15/80, SA [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] re [REDACTED] having information
pertaining to captioned matter. [REDACTED] advised as follows:

[REDACTED] stated that just before Christmas,
1979, he met [REDACTED] friend
(name unrecalled) at the McGhee Tyson Airport. [REDACTED]
stated that this meeting concerned [REDACTED] paying a lease
payment on an aircraft that he rented from [REDACTED] for
his [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] unidentified
friend needed assistance into and out of the rear seat
of [REDACTED] automobile; this person according to [REDACTED]
said very little and wore sunglasses all of the time.
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] flew into Knoxville
via commercial airlines and left in the plane that [REDACTED]
rented them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] resides in an
apartment in the New Orleans - Baton Rouge area of Louisiana
as does his unidentified friend; location unknown for both
individuals.

[REDACTED] advised that one to two weeks later
he noticed in the newspaper some artist conceptions of
D. B. Cooper when some money was located in a wooded section
of a western state and was believed to have been some of
the money obtained in captioned hijacking.

[REDACTED] advised that he immediately recalled
[REDACTED] visit around Christmas, 1979, and the [REDACTED] white

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND
ATTN: SRA [REDACTED]
DANVILLE R.A.
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/2/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

SUB C

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④ - SEATTLE
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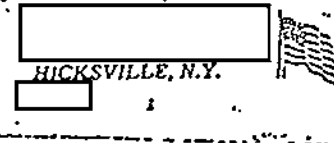
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Hicksville, NY
April 3, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.



SUBS: C, F, R

Gentlemen:

Just saw the CBS production of the first "skyjacking" by a "D. B. Cooper" in which an artist's drawing of D. B. Cooper was displayed.

The picture bears a very striking resemblance to a [redacted] who was stationed with me as an aircraft commander of a B-47 bomber in the First Bombardment Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho during the period [redacted]

[redacted] His [redacted] This age at that time was similar to mine - approx 38 years old.

I do not know his present whereabouts, but in [redacted] when I visited him at Mt. Home AFB he ~~seem depressed~~ and was about to lose [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C

Sincerely Yours

SUB C
1-81-8369

X AIRTEL

4/21/80

TO : SAC, DALLAS
FROM : SAC, DENVER (164-704)(RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka,
D. B. Cooper
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SE

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On 4/13/80, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] (telephone [redacted]), Denver, Colorado, telephonically contacted the Denver FBI Office and advised he had observed a television program, "In Search Of" that same date on a local Denver TV channel, wherein captioned hijacking was discussed and a composite drawing of unsub was shown. [redacted] stated he was acquainted with one [redacted] while working for a firm in Denver, and [redacted] fit the description of unsub very closely. [redacted] further stated [redacted] had been out of the Denver area for a few years and believes [redacted] currently works for a company by the name of Robin Tech located at Wichita Falls, Texas, in their [redacted]

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DALLAS DIVISION

At Wichita Falls, Texas:

Will attempt to locate and identify [redacted] and thereafter conduct appropriate background investigation to determine if he might be identical with unsub.

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SUBS: C, J

4/22/80

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)
SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
6253 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 519
Hollywood, California 90028

NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Portland airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/1/80.

For information of Portland, Los Angeles indices contain no reference to the California Institute of Criminology or [redacted] It was determined through observation that the California Institute of Criminology is located at the above address, which is in a run down section of the Los Angeles area. From observation of Suite 519, it does not appear to be a bonafide law enforcement agency and it appears to be a private school. Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) failed to locate anyone who has ever heard of the institute.

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- 1 - Los Angeles

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]
[redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia,
telephone number [redacted] furnished the following information
relating to the D. B. Cooper Skyjacking case under investigation
by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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[redacted] viewed a television program entitled "In Search Of"
which is broadcast weekly on Sunday nights. She noted one of the
recent broadcasts reviewed the D.B. Cooper Skyjacking case and in
the presentation a composite picture of Cooper, made from
information furnished by witnesses was displayed.

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[redacted] stated the composite picture was without question
in her mind a picture of [redacted] John
Scott Maze, who died in Scottsdale, Arizona, of a heart attack, in
November, 1974.

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[redacted] related she was [redacted]
[redacted] and whom
she believes is currently residing with [redacted]
[redacted] Tempe, Arizona, [redacted]
[redacted] John Scott Maze.

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[redacted] related John Scott Maze, at the time of his death,
resided in a trailer home at 1149 North 92nd Street, Scottsdale,
Arizona. She noted that John Scott Maze had been employed by
AiResearch, Phoenix, Arizona, as an engineer for twenty years
prior to being fired in the middle 1960's for being an alcoholic.

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She continued after he was fired, he never held any
meaningful employment to her knowledge up to his death. She
added after he was fired, he used to disappear for two or three
months at a time and just go out into the wilderness of Oregon and
the state of Washington to be by himself.

She noted he was a "real loner" and had as little to do
with other people as he could.

Interviewed on 4/11/80 at Charlottesville,
Virginia

File # RM 164-167
SE 164-81

By SA [redacted] vlr

Date Dictated 4/14/80

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DB Cooper-26437

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: 4/16/80

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (164-417) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
D.B. Cooper, 164-81
Dan B. COOPER
HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305,
11/24/71
SAA-AIR PIRACY (A).
OO: SE

[redacted] aka [redacted]
FUGITIVE (A)
UFAP-MURDER
IO No. [redacted]
OO: [redacted]
[redacted]

Re Tampa telephone call to Newark, 3/13/80.

Enclosed for Seattle and Newark is one copy of newspaper article appearing in "Daily News-Chief Newspaper" Winter Haven, Florida, 2/13/80, captioned "Hey, D.B. Cooper- we found your money."

It should be noted by receiving offices, above enclosed newspaper article which appeared 2/13/80 in newspaper at Winter Haven, Florida, was basis which prompted telephone call of [redacted] to FBI, Tampa.

On 4/10/80, [redacted]
[redacted] Winter Haven, Florida, employed Chain O'Lakes Marina, 1006 South Lake Howard Drive, Winter Haven, Florida, was contacted per his telephonic request directed to FBI, Tampa, on 3/13/80. [redacted] provided the following information:

② - Seattle (Enc. 1)
2 - [redacted] (Enc. 1)
1 - Tampa
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For approximately 2 years, in 1971, [] was employed as a [] for the Westfield, New Jersey, Police Department. During November, 1971, at Westfield, the []

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[] Westfield, New Jersey. Subsequently, investigation resulted in [] IO No. [] and in view of these circumstances, this murder became notorious throughout the northeast. [] alleged that he was good friends with [] Westfield Police Department, who actually found the bodies of the various [] and, as a result, [] through his association with [] became closely associated with the []

According to [] several weeks after above crime had been discovered and []

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[] 4 door sedan, was located abandoned at the Newark, New Jersey, airport, and no pertinent information regarding [] location/whereabouts has been determined since November, 1971.

According to [] at the time of the above murders, [] was approximately 47 yrs. of age, and was reportedly an ex-paratrooper, U.S. Army, during World War II. [] continued that even though he has terminated his employment with Westfield, New Jersey, Police Department, the notoriety of the [] and the suspicious disappearance of [] has continued to intrigue him.

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[] continued that on Feb. 13, 1980, a newspaper article appeared in the "Winter Haven Daily News-Chief" regarding the location of money connected with the unknown subject, aka, D.B. Cooper incident at Seattle, Washington, during November, 1971. The newspaper also featured an artist's conception drawing of UNSUB, aka, D.B. Cooper, and whenever [] observed this composite, he immediately thought that Cooper was possibly identical to [] This identification was possible in view [] considered [] and Cooper's physical description to be similar, [] was an ex-paratrooper, U.S. Army, during W.W. II, and [] disappeared from the

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1978 AP Wire Photo

Janssen dies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI) — Screen actor-TV star David Janssen died of a massive heart attack at his Malibu Beach home today. He was 49.

A family spokesman said the dark-haired star of the TV series, "The Fugitive" and, more recently, "Harry O," suffered a coronary attack about 4 a.m. and was taken to Santa Monica Memorial hospital where he was pronounced dead.

His long-time friend and fellow actor, Stuart Whitman, was among the first to know of his death this morning when he drove past the Janssen's beach home at 4:30 a.m. to find paramedic and fire trucks parked at the house.

Hey, D.B. Cooper. . .

We found your money!

Youth digs rotting bills out of sand

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy has uncovered part of a ransom missing since the only unsolved hijacking in U.S. history — but officials say the whereabouts of the legendary sky pirate D.B. Cooper are still a matter of conjecture.

The three bundles of weathered \$20 bills found along the Columbia River are the first evidence uncovered since Thanksgiving eve, 1971, when Cooper bailed out of a jet over southwestern Washington with \$200,000 tied to his waist.

It was the first case of a hijacking for money.

The FBI on Tuesday identified the cash through serial numbers. Bill Baker, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said the

now in trying to locate D.B. Cooper or any remains that might be in the area," he said.

The money was discovered Sunday by young Brian Ingram beneath a layer of sand as his family picnicked along the Columbia, five miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash.

Harold Ingram of Vancouver, told reporters Tuesday he was preparing a fire when his son "ran up and said 'Wait a minute, Daddy.' He raked a place out in the sand and there it was."

See COOPER, Page 8A
Column 3



Howard and Patricia Ingram of Vancouver, Wash., sit with the money found by their son, Brian. Above is an artist's concept of the mysterious hijacker who became a folk hero.

3 Polk jailers resign

By BRAD SICKLES
News-Chief Staff

BARTOW — Three Polk County Jail corrections officers have been forced to resign and a fourth corrections officer is expected to quit as the Polk County Sheriff's Department's Special Investigations Division concludes an investigation into the smuggling of drugs into the jail.

Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims said Tuesday that corrections officers Bill Combee, 21, of Lakeland, Gene Teske, 21, of Fort Meade and 44-year-old James Reynolds were given the option of submitting resignations or being fired for falsifying information on their employment applications. A fourth jailer has not yet been identified.

"It came to the attention of the department two weeks ago that there might be drug dealing in the jail involving some jail employees as well as some of the inmates," said Sheriff's Department spokesman Steve Hulsey.

According to Hulsey, the department's Special

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SAC, MOBILE

4/14/80

SAC, DETROIT (164-115) RUC

UNSUB, aka
D.B. Cooper
Aircraft Piracy
OO: Portland

SUB C, J

On 4/7/80 [redacted] Flint, Michigan, telephone number [redacted] contacted the Flint Resident Agency.

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[redacted] advised he recently saw a composite drawing of subject in a newspaper story and swears he knew the individual depicted therein. [redacted] stated he has not seen this man since 1956, but from 1953 until 1956 they [redacted] The man's name was [redacted] now in her early 30's, and [redacted] now in her late 20's.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] spent time in a Federal prison in Kilby, Alabama, being released in approximately [redacted] He added that [redacted] always wore dark glasses, had been in and out of trouble and frequently spoke of getting "just one big score". He was not aware of whether or not [redacted] could use a parachute, but stated he did serve in the Armed Forces in Korea.

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Telephonic contact with personnel at Talladega Prison in Alabama determined that KILBY is a State Prison and is located near Mobile.

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MOBILE DIVISION

AT KILBY, ALABAMA:

Will attempt to identify [redacted] now in his early 50's, through records of the prison at Kilby. Will thereafter attempt to locate [redacted]

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2 - Mobile
1 - Portland (Info)
1 - Detroit
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 4/13/80

FROM :

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK;

SUBS: C, J

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[REDACTED] Kelso, telephone
[REDACTED] stated the following.

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On April 12, 1980, while watching a television program about D.B. COOPER, he recalled an old friend, MIKE MARTIN. MARTIN looked very much like COOPER. He was an expert parachuter and had extensive military training in it. He also new Washington state very well.

[REDACTED] further stated MARTIN worked for the Bonneville Power Administration, Longview, Wa. five years ago. He lived in Vancouver, Wa.

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Two years ago MARTIN was killed in a dumpster accident.

[REDACTED] had no other identifying information on MARTIN.

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[REDACTED]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, RICHMOND
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]
CHARLOTTESVILLE RA

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 4/11/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]
ABILENE RA

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 4/3/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

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1 - Dallas
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3/28/80

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS
FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
(OO: SE)
BUfile: 164-2111

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SUB: C

*Source
Suspect*

Re Albuquerque teletype to Sacramento, 3/17/80.

On 2/25/80, [redacted] Brigham City, Utah, telephone [redacted] advised he had seen the composite drawing of D. B. Cooper in the Ogden Standard Examiner newspaper on 2/13/80. [redacted] said the picture looked exactly like a college roommate of his named [redacted]. He and [redacted] were roommates at Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah, both having graduated in [redacted] which is the last time he saw [redacted]. [redacted] advised that while [redacted] is obviously older now, when he last saw [redacted] if [redacted] had aged a little, [redacted] believes [redacted] now is a good lookalike for D. B. Cooper.

[redacted] advised [redacted] would be approximately 43 to 45 years old and is approximately 6'1" tall, had light brown hair, and blue eyes, he believes. [redacted] said he does not know if [redacted] has a middle name, but advised [redacted] went to a high school in some small town in Indiana. [redacted] parents were living in Chicago, Illinois, while [redacted] was at BYU. [redacted] advised he does not know the parents name or address. He advised

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- 2 - Chicago
- ② - Seattle (164-61)
- 2 - Salt Lake City

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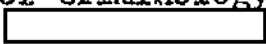
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)


FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
6253 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., SUITE 519
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90028

SUBS: C, J, R

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE


California Institute of Criminology, North Hollywood, California, telephone  by letter dated 3/25/80 to the Portland Office advised his agency was proposing to do a scientific case study of the NORJAK case, which he described as one of the most renown cases of the twentieth century, and was requesting permission from the Bureau.

Before a reply is sent to  Los Angeles is requested to expeditiously advise whether the California Institute of Criminology is a bonafide law enforcement agency and any other information of interest in possession of Los Angeles.

2 Los Angeles
1 Seattle (164-81)
1 Portland

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/26/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

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① - Seattle
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*SUB C**164-81-8334*

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KNOXVILLE
ATTN: SA [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA-HIJACK (A)
OO: Seattle
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1 - Knoxville
① - Seattle
JKM

*[Handwritten signature]**164-81-8333*



STATE OF
WASHINGTON

Dixy Lee Ray
Governor

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington 98501

Colonel Robert W. Landon, Chief

March 24, 1980

SUBS: C, J, R

Mr. Paul L. Mack
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of
Justice
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98174

Dear Mr. Mack:

Enclosed please find a copy of
correspondence regarding the solution to the D. B. Cooper case.

We are forwarding it to your office for review.

Sincerely,

R. W. Landon

COLONEL R. W. LANDON, Chief

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Attachment

cc: Governor Dixy Lee Ray

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STATE OF
WASHINGTON

Dixy Lee Ray
Governor

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington 98504

Colonel Robert W. Landon, Chief

March 24, 1980

[Redacted]
Tieton, Washington [Redacted]
Dear [Redacted]

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We have been asked by Governor Dixy Lee Ray to respond to your letter discussing a potential solution to the D. B. Cooper case.

We appreciate your interest; however, the investigation of this case is in the hands of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We are, therefore, sending a copy of your letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent in Charge, Mr. Paul L. Mack.

Please remain an active and vocal citizen.

Sincerely,

COLONEL R. W. LANDON, Chief

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cc: Governor Dixy Lee Ray
Mr. Paul L. Mack ✓

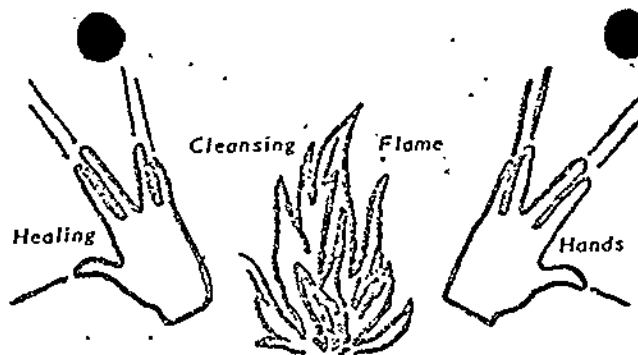
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CLASSES ON
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FROM THE DESK OF

Tieton, Wash.
Phone

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Governor Dixie Lee Ray
State Capitol Buildings
Olympia, Washington

Dear Governor Ray;

I saw on T.V. Last night where you have announced that you are running for a second term.

My Atticle in the Yakima Herald Republic Valentine day I sent you and also President Carter congratulations on your second term in office. You have confirmed my Psychic prediction.

Governor Ray, there is something I wish to approach you about, And that is D.B. Cooper who Hijacked a jetliner in 1971 and parachuted into folklore Somewhere in the area of Vancouver Washington.

Recently they found some of the loot in the sand beach near Vancouver wash. The FBI are still in a quandry about the find, and also the where abouts of the so named D.B. Cooper.

I am a well known psychic and have solved single handed and captured a county wide armed robber and escaped convict in the [redacted] and turned him over to the sheriff. This I followed my psychic intuition and wrote a note first of my vision and followed thru alone and was 100% correct. this was the year [redacted]

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I have predicted many things psychically that comes true.

What I am trying to tell you is this;

Psychically I saw the white house close to the area where the loot was found last month. This white house had upright of 4 by 4s and ten inch ship lap boards and is about to fall into shambles. In fact most of the house is gone but the well that is filled almost completely adjacent to the house is a fortification of the right place.

Gov. A. Ray, I am quite confident that if I [redacted] to go with the land where the loot was [redacted] the loot that I would be able to land the [redacted] of Washington law enforcement [redacted] this case of D.B. Cooper.

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Post-Intelligencer
Seattle, Wa.

Date: 3/20/80

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Curse of D.B.

Cooper SUBS: B, C, E, G, M

Title:

Character:

or

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Submitting Office: Seattle

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b7CMisfortune Dogs the Family That
Found Part of Skyjacker's Money

By Michael Sweeney

Harold Dwayne Ingram, 28, father of the 8-year-old boy who found part of skyjacker D.B. Cooper's ransom money last month, has been arrested in Vancouver, Wash., on a fugitive warrant from Oklahoma.

The warrant charges Ingram with unlawfully removing mortgaged property from the state of Oklahoma — a felony charge that carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

Clark County sheriff's deputies arrested Ingram at his rented home in Vancouver Monday afternoon. He was released Tuesday night after a local bail bondsman posted Ingram's \$500 bail, sheriff's deputies said.

Kathy Kelly, a legal assistant in the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office, said Ingram is scheduled to appear in county district court April 17 for an identification hearing to determine if he is, in fact, the same Harold Ingram sought in Oklahoma.

If he is, Kelly said, Oklahoma authorities will have 60

HAROLD INGRAM:
"This is no big thing.
At least I hope it's
not."



days to file extradition papers to force Ingram's return to Oklahoma for trial.

Kelly said court documents filed by authorities in Pittsburg County, Okla., last April charge that Ingram owed \$618 then on a used car purchased a month earlier in McAlester, Okla.

The warrant for Ingram's arrest was filed last month, after Pittsburg County District Attorney Don Roberts recognized newspaper photos of Ingram that circulated nationwide in the wake of his family's discovery of a portion of D.B. Cooper's loot.

Cooper parachuted into a freezing rainstorm over Southwest Washington with \$200,000 after hijacking a Seattle-bound Northwest Airlines plane Nov. 24, 1971.

Ingram's son, Brian, unearthed several thousand dollars of the ransom money Feb. 10, as he dug a fire pit in the sand along the banks of the Columbia River downstream from Vancouver.

The next day, Ingram turned the money over to the FBI, which announced the find with great fanfare at a press conference featuring the Ingram family.

"Several of us read the paper and recognized him," Roberts told The Associated Press. "We had a warrant sworn out to have him brought back."

Ingram's arrest is the latest in a string of reversals that have followed his family's brief glow in the limelight.

Two weeks after the money was discovered, Ingram's wife, Patricia, reported that her husband was forced to give up 1½ days of pay — about \$100 — in order to

return the money and attend the FBI's press conference.

"We live from paycheck to paycheck, and we could sure use that \$100," she told The Post-Intelligencer at the time.

Mrs. Ingram told The P-I that recovery of the skyjack loot also resulted in family strife that arose when a relative tried to take credit for finding the money.

Late Saturday night, about 33 hours before Ingram was arrested, a fire broke out in an upstairs bedroom of the Ingram home and caused \$1,000 damage before Vancouver firefighters could put it out.

Vancouver Fire Marshal Gordon Gage said the blaze was caused by a short in an extension cord.

And as of yesterday, Ingram had missed three days of work this week at the U-Cart Concrete Manufacturing Co. in Vancouver.

"We're trying to reach him, because we really want to help him," U-Cart owner Joe Tanner said yesterday.

Tanner said his firm intends to advance Ingram the money "to get this thing in Oklahoma squared away."

"We think he's getting a bum rap," Tanner said.

"I'm from Texas, and I've got a little knowledge about these Southern redneck laws that let a D.A. help businessmen collect their debts," he said.

"I've been told he (Ingram) has been making payments on this car loan, and he's only a couple of payments behind," Tanner said.

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Columbian
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Worst may be lover

By CYNTHIA TANK
Columbian Staff Writer

"I hate to think the thoughts people will be thinking about me all over the United States," said Harold Dwayne Ingram as he sat in his boss's office Thursday afternoon.

The 28-year-old Vancouver resident said he now regrets his 8-year-old son Brian's finding of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom money last month.

"I regret it for myself, but not for Brian," who, he said, has enjoyed all the attention.

Brian and his family made national headlines after a family outing on a Columbia River beach near Vancouver Feb. 10 turned into a major media and FBI event. Brian was preparing a campfire when he scooped out about \$5,000 of the \$200,000 Cooper had demanded and received before jumping out of an airliner in 1971.

Since last month Ingram has:

• Lost 1½ days pay — about \$100 — in order to return the money and attend an FBI press conference.

• Watched as a fire caused about \$1,000 damage to the upper floor of his home at 1500 Markle St. Saturday.

• Been arrested Monday on an Oklahoma warrant alleging he left that state unlawfully

with mortgaged property — a car.

Officials in Oklahoma said they recognized Ingram from newspaper photographs that appeared after the famous find. Ingram had been wanted for about six months before the story first appeared in the paper, they said.

The warrant was issued because Ingram allegedly is behind in payments for his car.

"I have every receipt," Ingram said Thursday. "I don't have a payment due on that car until the 20th of next month."

"I feel confused, really confused," Ingram said Thursday. "And I feel pretty unlucky. I'm not angry; I'm kind of hurt. I really care what people think about me."

Ingram said he bought his car from a new car salesman, paid \$200 or \$300 down, and arranged for financing. He said he notified the finance company when he and his family moved here from Oklahoma last winter.

His arrest Monday was an unhappy surprise, he said.

"I had no idea I had a warrant on me," he said. "That's obvious, or I wouldn't be flashing my face all over the world."

He might have been late with a payment or two, he said, "but rich people do that, too, don't they?"

But things were looking up for Ingram

today. His boss and attorney, Joe Tanner, said this morning he has been told by the Pittsburg County, Okla., district attorney that that office now has verification of Ingram's car payments. Ingram, in fact, is paid ahead to July on the car, Tanner said.

Tanner said a few details need to be worked out, but when they are the district attorney has told him the charges will be dropped. That will not occur until Monday, Tanner said he was told. The district attorney was unavailable for comment this morning.

As for Ingram's other bad fortune, just before midnight Saturday, two bedrooms on the upper floor burned, and his landlord — who bailed him out of jail Tuesday — started remodeling the next day.

Tanner, vice president of U-Card Concrete Systems Inc. of Vancouver, where Ingram is employed, said the company is behind him. Tanner, a lawyer, said he will represent Ingram without charge.

Until the charges against him are dropped, Ingram faces an April 17 identification hearing in Clark County District Court.

"These people are great here," Ingram said of his fellow employees. "They want to back me 100 percent."

"He's been treated unfairly," Tanner said.

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Date 3/17/80

TO: SAC SEATTLE

FROM: *WDM/m* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (Sq.10) (P)SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE*SUBS: B, L, G, J, M, R*

Re San Francisco telephone call to Seattle, dated 3/5/80.

Being forwarded to the Seattle Office is one copy each of the following:

A letter dated 2/20/80 from showing a xerox copy of a twenty dollar bill marked exhibit "A".A xerox copy of a letter dated 3/6/80 to the FBI from and a copy of an article captioned "Take the money and jump-how he foiled FBI," dated May 12-18-Berkeley Barb.As mentioned in referenced telephone call the San Francisco Office contacted after the receipt of his first letter of 2/20/80. stated that he had obtained the plate of the twenty dollar bill which was published in the Berkeley Barb sometime in November, 1972.

② -Seattle (Enc. 2)
 2 -San Francisco
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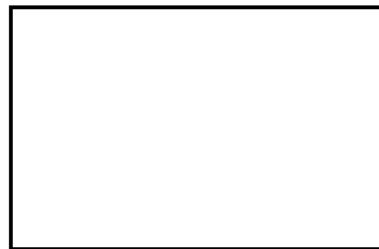
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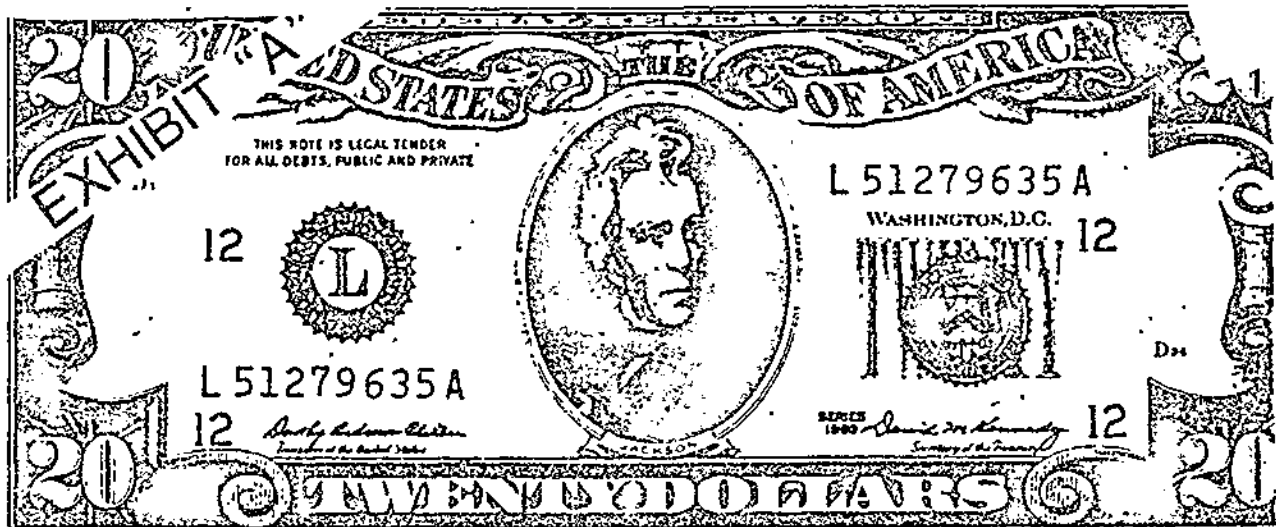
Federal Bureau of Investigation
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco California

The following purports to be a copy of one of
the twenty dollar bills taken by skyjacker "D.B. Cooper"
when he jumped from a 727 on 24 November 1971.

I wonder whether the serial numbers correspond
to any of the stolen currency.



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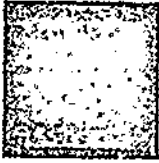


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Here is a copy of page 11 of the
May 12, 1972 alleged interview with
D.B. Cooper.

Confirmation of the serial number on
the reproduced bill will form the basis
of a short item in a magazine article
I have submitted.

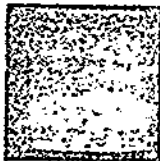
I would like to know of any further
confirmation or disputation of the
details in the enclosed article.

I may be reached c/o the above address.

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DB Cooper-26470

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TAKE THE MONEY AND JUMP

MAY 12-18 BERKELEY BARB PAGE 11

HOW HE FOILED FBI

SUBC
162-81-8248

DB Cooper-26471

Last November 24th, a man identifying himself as "A. Cooper" parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 jetliner between Seattle and Reno Nevada with a parcel containing 10,000 twenty dollar bills which was the ransom money that had been delivered to him while he held the planes crew hostage at the Seattle-Tacoma International airport.

The F.B.I. and other state and local law enforcement agents assisted by companies of G.I.'s from Fort Lewis have fruitfully wasted many hours and thousands of taxpayers dollars looking for Cooper.

So far Cooper has successfully eluded his following in the same ingenious manner that he pulled off his skyjack caper, coolly staying a safe distance away from danger.

The F.B.I. headquarters in Seattle has vowed to scrutinize every foot of land between the Sea-Tac airport and Reno to turn up clues in the case.

Despite rewards of 5,000 dollars by the Media's "Fink on your Friends" program the public has generally granted Cooper adoration and somewhat a hero status. An anonymous interviewer from the twice weekly newspaper the "Seattle Flag" has produced a story from a taped interview with D.B. Cooper which is validated by the presentation of one of the recorded twenty dollar bills included in the ransom money.

This story was run in the "Flag" because the interviewer was unable to send it to the "Post-Intelligencer" because they had the 5,000 dollar reward out for Coopers head also television stations would have requested a tape from which voice prints could possibly be produced. Therefore, running the story in the Flag was the only solution.

Cooper said that the witnesses description were off by about fifteen pounds and a couple of inches. Also that the artist's impression were very poor. When asked why we was still in Washington state he added that he felt it was safer to hide where no one would imagine him to be rather than to go to some place like Mexico or South America where the authorities would naturally expect him to go.

He said he started actual work on his skyjacking plan last June. The idea had come to him while he was

It was a calculated risk that's why he jumped in bad weather and at night, also he waited a little longer than usual before pulling his ripcord. Adding that his free fall was about 5,000 of the total 7,000 feet. Which was very risky doing at night.

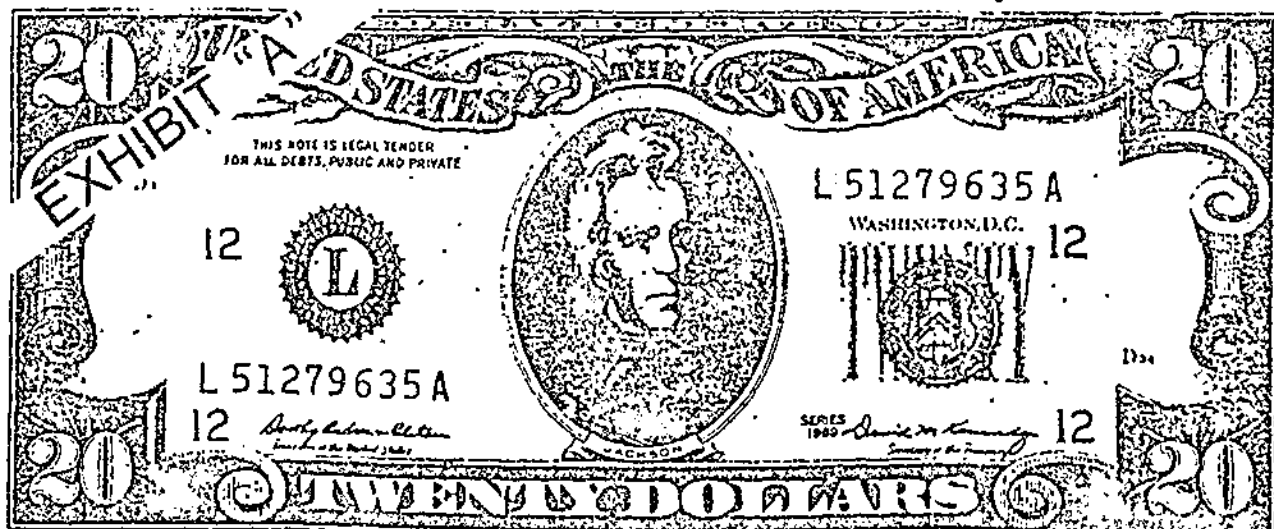
He came down about a hundred miles away from S.W. Washington contrary to the F.B.I. report that he touched down near Vancouver Washington.

The first thing he did on landing was bury his chute, he was within five miles of where he had intended in an evergreen wooded terrain. He credited this accuracy to his projected calculations and his Japanese watch. He wouldn't say whether he had an accomplice on the ground. He said he had lived in Seattle and had once

two parachutes he had ordered. A stewardess came back with the money in a canvas bag to where Cooper was holding another stewardess as hostage in the rear of the passenger cabin.

Cooper checked out the loot, first thing and noticed that they reeked of duplicating fluid. Then the stewardess made two more trips out on to the run way to bring in the chutes.

Then one of the fuel trucks pulled up...then he ordered the passengers off the plane, and everyone else into the cockpit...a middle-aged, executive looking man started to push his way back through the line into the tourist cabin. Cooper tensed up expecting the guy to try something heroic - but he had just left his briefcase on his seat and was retrieving it.



worked at Boeing's on the construction of the first Boeing 727 in 1963 and got to know the 727 from the inside out.

The reason he was attracted to the plan was the alignment of the three Pratt & Whitney engines two on the sides of the rear fuselage and the third at the base of the T-tail assembly. Also the down-flaps stalling speed. One hundred

He figured if the F.B.I. was going to make a move it would be at Sea-Tac. Everybody but the stewardess he was holding hostage and the three man crew was clear of the plane. Buzzing the cockpit he asked the captain what the hold-up was. Trouble with the vapor lock was the answer. And another truck was coming. Cooper told the Captain: "Not more than one fuel truck at a

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ools - with their hijacking planes to go to Cuba,
risking the death penalty when all they had to do
harter a boat or go to Mexico and take a plane
here!

stated that he did it for the money, realizing that
swer was not merely how to get it but rather how
away with it. After making extensive preparations
stroyed hundreds of timetables, graphs, aircraft
ans, weather reports and pages of notes. He felt
e had done enough preparations to be worth 200,000
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described jumping from a jet going 200 miles an
s being cold, dark, loud, windy and scary, very
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had prepared to some extent with long underwear
oves but in order to remain unnoticed onboard the
he had to sacrifice some elements of comfort.
d activated the stairs and opened the back door
before he has over the touchdown area to confuse
B.I.... Finally using Kleenex for earplugs he
d down to the tenth step and stepped off into the
of the wind and gravity....In the darkness he heard
gines of the following planes. But he realized that

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Boeing 727 in 1963 and got to know the 727 from the
inside out.

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of the three Pratt & Whitney engines two on the sides
of the rear fuselage and the third at the base of the T-tail
assembly. Also the down-flaps stalling speed. One hundred
and nine miles per hour which was risky but jumpable.

Then also he took into account the small crew: Three
on the flight deck and the three stewardesses. Two
central galleys and the wardrobes with the two toilets
to the rear, figuring that they might come in handy
as a place to hold a stewardess hostage.

THE ACUTAL JUMP

First the briefcase bomb was only real in the sense
that it worked, it was constructed of Gillette shaving cream
cans, painted red and rigged up with prima-cord fuses.
When he flashed them to the stewardesses they carried
out his instructions because they were well-indoctrinated
and thoroughly trained. Also they obeyed instructions
from Mr. Nyrop of the head of Northwest.

Nyrop figured that it was easier to pay a mere 200,000
than to risk four lives and a \$5 million dollar airplane.
Cooper could smell xeros fluid on the money and knew
that the twenties had been duplicated.

He stayed close to his original plan, only having one
nervous moment when he was still negotiating on the

ground at Sea-Tac airport. The fueling was being stalled,
and he was getting edgy, figuring someone was planning
some kind of stragey in an effort to shoot him or some-
thing. One of the pilots brought out the money and the

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would be at Sea-Tac. Everybody but the stewardess he
was holding hostage and the three man crew was
clear of the plane. Buzzing the cockpit he asked the
captain what the hold-up was. Trouble with the vapor lock
was the answer. And another truck was coming. Cooper
told the Captain: "Not more than one fuel truck at a
time" but eventually five fuel trucks came out, only
three of which were able to deliver. Cooper almost blew
his cool, he went forward to the cockpit and told the
captain it was take off time, and to take the plane to
Mexico.

The plane was again airborne at 7:40 pm four hours
and forty two minutes after leaving Portland.

The parachutes were unacceptable so he decided to
jump without a reserve chute.. he cut the extra chute
up and used the strips to tie the money to his waist.

Next he took the stewardess forward and ordered the
captain to lock the door from the inside. Then he returned
aft, closing the first class and tourist compartments
behind him.

Then he got on the intercom and told the captain to
hold the aircraft at 7,000 feet, and speed at 200 miles
per hour.

Last he ordered that nobody, under any circumstances,
was to attempt to make any further contact with him.
Shortly after he jumped.

Cooper declared to the reporter that he was going to
retire the night of the interview and head to an undis-
closed destination. He said he would be back in five years,
thanks to "The Statue of Limitations!"

.....by Mike Noble



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FM SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

TO MINNEAPOLIS PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) ROUTINE

ALBUQUERQUE ROUTINE

BALTIMORE ROUTINE

ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS

NORJACK (A), OO: SEATTLE (BUFILE 164-2111).

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO ALBUQUERQUE MAR 7, 1980.

FOR INFO OF MINNEAPOLIS, ON MAR 5, 1980, [REDACTED]

(PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED] MONTANA,

ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE HE WAS WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAM

"GOOD MORNING AMERICA" WHEN HE OBSERVED IT SHOWING COMPOSITE

OF D.B. COOPER. [REDACTED] ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLED

[REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

SUBS: [REDACTED] 20

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FM ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) (P)

TO SACRAMENTO PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) PRIORITY

SAN FRANCISCO PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE, MARCH 7, 1980.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ON MARCH 5, 1980,

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

MONTANA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE HE WAS WATCHING
TELEVISION PROGRAM, "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA," WHEN HE OBSERVED
SHOWING OF COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. BROWN ADVISED COMPOSITE
STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED] A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE
WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [REDACTED] AT THE LATTER LOCATION,

SUBS: [REDACTED] C: 0

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1104-81-8306
MAR 11 1980

re: [REDACTED]

DB Cooper-26476

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EYES, MEDIUM BUILD, HAVING A [REDACTED] POSSIBLY ON HIS

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[REDACTED] WHEN DESCRIBING HIM, SHE ALSO USED THE TERMINOLOGY TO INDICATE THAT HE IS VERY AVERAGE LOOKING AND THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE.

[REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] HAS WHOM HE WOULD POSSIBLY CONTACT, IN ADDITION TO [REDACTED] IS HIS

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[REDACTED] SHE SAID [REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT [REDACTED] OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA,

HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] WHO

SHE THOUGHT CURRENTLY [REDACTED] IN VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA. SHE SAID [REDACTED] HAS A BOYFRIEND NAMED

[REDACTED] FORMERLY LIVED AT [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) [REDACTED] SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA, AND HAD A HOME TELEPHONE

OF [REDACTED] SHE THOUGHT [REDACTED] HAD SINCE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS, BUT STILL HAS THE SAME HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER.

SHE ALSO COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED] WORKED AS A [REDACTED] AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO AT VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

memorandum

DATE: 3/4/80

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)SUBJECT: NORJACK
(OO: SEATTLE)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBS: ; C; Xb6
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Enclosed for information of Seattle are the original and one copy of an FD-302 and the original interview notes reflecting investigation conducted by Minneapolis.

For information of Seattle, Minneapolis was telephonically advised on 2/12/80 that an individual who resembled a photograph shown on television of D. B. COOPER was residing at 2611 Central Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The caller had no reason to believe that this individual was D. B. COOPER other than the individual's physical resemblance.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no further investigation outstanding in this matter for the Minneapolis Division, this case is considered RUC.

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2 - Seattle (Enc. 3) *neg*
1 - Minneapolis
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
(REV. 7-76)
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6
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DB Cooper-26481

FBI

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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AIRTEL

Date 2/26/80

TO: SAC, PORTLAND

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (164-NEW) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
 D.B. COOPER
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT
 OO: PD

SUBS: C, J,

On 2/13/80, [redacted]

Whitehall, New York, advised that he observed the photograph of unsub in connection with recent newspaper publicity and he and his family members believe the photograph bears a strong resemblance to [redacted] DOB [redacted]

He advised he believes [redacted] Air Force serial number to be [redacted]

[redacted] advised that little is known regarding [redacted] since approximately 1950. [redacted] served in the U.S. Air Force and was a [redacted]

Following his discharge, he was believed to reside in Texas and known to engage in a [redacted]

[redacted] Wallingford, Vermont, have been telephonically contacted periodically by [redacted] regarding [redacted] whereabouts. No contacts have been made in the 1970's and [redacted] has knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts or activities prior to the mid 1960's.

The above submitted to the OO for elimination purposes or further investigative leads at the discretion of the OO.

2-Portland
 1-Albany
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64-81-1073

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TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

BALTIMORE PRIORITY

SACRAMENTO PRIORITY

ST. LOUIS PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS, AND SEATTLE, ON

MARCH 5, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONTANA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE

HE WAS WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAM, "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA,"

WHEN HE OBSERVED SHOWING OF COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED]

ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED]

(PHONETIC), A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

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OO: SEATTLE

SAC, OMAHA

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On 2/13/80, [redacted] Willmar, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] advised that artist's sketch of Unsub he had recently seen on Minneapolis television station looked very similar to an individual he had known in the past named [redacted]. He explained that he attended [redacted] Worthington, Minnesota, with [redacted] years ago, but has not seen or heard of him in the past ten years. He advised that [redacted] was a Vietnam veteran, [redacted] and felt the world owed him something for this. He believes [redacted] was a parachutist in the military, was very athletic, but did not do well scholastically. He added that [redacted] was rather anti-social and he had heard him use first names other than his true first name. He estimated that [redacted] would now be approximately 36 years old. This [redacted] was from Lyon County, Iowa, and lived [redacted] Iowa. He did not know his mailing address. He cannot recall [redacted] father's first name, but feels that the local Sheriff would know them.

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[redacted] stated that he had not thought of [redacted] as being identical with Unsub, until he saw the artist's sketch. [redacted] feels that [redacted] has the same description and the personality to commit this act and he would not be surprised if he is identical with Unsub.

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On 2/12/80, [redacted] Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] advised that the apartment manager at [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, looks like the photograph shown on television of D. B. COOPER. He gave a description of the apartment manager as 5'8", brown hair, approximately 37

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① - Seattle (164-81).
1 - Minneapolis
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DB Cooper-26487

DIRECTOR, FBI (164-211)
(ATTN: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE)

2/26/80

B/ SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBS: C, M

NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for the Bureau is one packet of newspaper articles collected at Portland, Oregon.

The enclosed articles are typical of those appearing in most major newspapers in the State of Oregon following announcement of the location of a portion of the ransom received by the subject in this matter.

The media contacts on this matter by personnel of the Portland Division during the period 2/12-25/80 included one press conference, 26 television appearances, and a multitude of recorded radio appearances.

- 2 - Bureau (Enclosure)
- 1 - Seattle
- 2 - Portland
 - (1 - 164-41)
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FBI - SEATTLE	

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FM BUTTE (164-26)

TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS

NORJAK (A); OO: SEATTLE. BUFILE 164-2111.

ON MARCH 5, 1980, [] (PROTECT IDENTITY) []

[] MONTANA, TELEPHONE [] TELEPHONI-

CALLY ADVISED HE WAS WATCHING THE TV PROGRAM "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" TODAY WHEN HE OBSERVED A SHOWING OF A COMPOSITE OF

D. B. COOPER. [] ADVISED THE COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLES

ONE [] (PHONETIC) A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHOM

HE HAD []

UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [] AT THE LATTER LOCATION THE

JOB INVOLVED [] ACCORDING

TO [] FOR UNITED NUCLEAR

AT [] IN THE EARLY [] AND AT KENNECOTT COPPER

COMPANY, [] IN ABOUT [] STATED [] WAS A

COCKY INDIVIDUAL WHO TALKED OF HIJACKING PLANES AND INDICATED

HE LAST SAW HIM AT [] IN 1970.

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164-81-8286

MAR 5 1980

DB Cooper-26490

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-SI) PRIORITY

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ATTN.: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH (FORMER SA), APPEARANCE ON NBC AND ABC NETWORK TELEVISION PROGRAMS; MEDIA RELATIONS.

RALPH P. HIMMELSBACH, WHO RETIRED AS A BUAGENT ON FEBRUARY 29, 1980, ADVISES HE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO APPEAR AT NEW YORK CITY ON NBC NETWORK TELEVISION SHOW "TOMORROW," 1:00 A.M., MARCH 4, 1980; AND ABC SHOW "GOOD MORNING AMERICA," 8:45 A.M., MARCH 5, 1980. INTERVIEWS WILL DEAL WITH HIS CAREER OVERALL, AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH BUFILE 164-2111, ENTITLED "NORJAK (A); OO:SEATTLE."
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DB Cooper-26492

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☐ Priority
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Date 2/22/80

TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P) (Sq. 10)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A);
 OO: SEATTLE

Re: [redacted] *SUB C*

On 2/13/80, [redacted] San Mateo, California advised the San Francisco Office that he just saw a composite photo of D.B. Cooper on television and it appears identical to an individual who [redacted] namely [redacted]

[redacted] said, [redacted] was a member of the U.S. Air Force in World War II and [redacted] area as well as being involved in the [redacted] After leaving the Air Force he became [redacted] and was working in Seattle at about the time of instant matter. Thereafter [redacted] left Seattle and moved to Miami, Florida and now lives near [redacted] Miami, Florida.

[redacted] said, [redacted] at times and is [redacted] He advised that [redacted] was a WMA, about 60 years old, 5'10"-5'11", 150-160 pounds, short brown hair with a touch of grey, [redacted]

2- Miami
 ②- Seattle (164-81)
 2- San Francisco
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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
 Pg. A6 The Daily News
 Longview, Wa.

Date: 2/27/80
 Edition:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Cooper book could blend fact, fantasy

LOOK FOR a book or two on D.B. Cooper to show up in the next few weeks or months.

A news source claims a writer has secured documents on the case from the FBI through the Freedom of Information Act and hopes to weave a tale out of the skyjacking that has kept people wondering for 8½ years.

It wouldn't be surprising to see more than one author try to cash in on the recently rekindled publicity about the incident. Cashing in like that seems to be more in vogue these days than it was in 1971, when Cooper disappeared.

Authors of those kinds of books often report theory and supposition as well as fact. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between what the writers know and what they think or assume.

Some authors make no bones about mixing fact and fantasy. Take *44*, the semifiction book about the Son of Sam murders in New York by Jimmy Breslin and Dick Schaap. Breslin and Schaap admit in the foreword to the book that they changed the names of the characters and the sequence of events, and embellished on the story.

They graphically detailed what their deranged killer was thinking about, for example, but it was obviously what the authors thought the killer was thinking. Of course, it added greatly to the drama of the book.

Breslin and Schaap said the embellishment was legitimate because they wanted to recreate the atmosphere of the murders, to portray in fiction the gut-level realism of the crimes.

Although the skyjacking was hardly as heinous a crime as a New York murder spree, that mixture of fact and fantasy might be what you'll see in the D.B. Cooper book, assuming there indeed is one in the making. The Cooper author would have an easy time cooking up a tale of where the hijacker came from and what happened to him, and the story could be quite readable.

If he has any trouble making up a story about who Cooper was or what happened to him, he could look piles of newspaper clippings that report on different people's theories on the subject. But with all the leads the FBI says it has tracked down, there can hardly be a lack of ideas about Cooper's fate.

As far as distinguishing fact from fantasy, we hope the newspapers have done their duty in labeling theories as what they are. It would be nice if any books on the matter did the same.

We probably can't take the word of anybody but Cooper himself on what actually took place. But although the FBI, which must track down every lead, might disagree, it sure is fun to guess about what happened to the old boy.

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Character: 164-81
 or

Classification:

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FBI - SEATTLE	

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Finder of Cooper loot gets frayed \$20 bill

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Eight-year-old Brian Ingram, who found bundles of \$20 bills last week but had to turn them over to authorities, has been given one by the FBI.

The boy jumped into the national spotlight Feb. 10 when he discovered several thousand dollars of the \$200,000 ransom paid to skyjacker Dan Cooper in 1971. The money, frayed around the edges, was identified by FBI agents who have been looking for Cooper since he jumped from a Northwest Orient Airlines plane over Southwest Washington.

The \$20 was given to the boy by Mike Heywood, Hough Elementary School PTA president. Accompanying the bill was a certificate praising the boy for his find.

Since finding the money, Brian and his parents, H. Dwayne and Patricia, have been the subject of network television newscasts and newspaper articles. Saturday night, the three were satirized on the "Weekend Update" segment of the weekly television show "Saturday Night Live."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Oregonian
Portland, Or.

Date: 2/19/80
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Character: 164-81

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Transmit attached by Facsimile: UNCL

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PRIORITY

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-36)
ATTN: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR 2/12/80
SAC, SEATTLE (157-81) HOMER BOYNTON, JR.
From: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)
Subject: NORJAK

Date: Time: Transmitted

Initials

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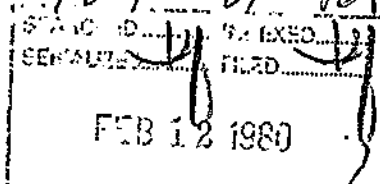
☐ Fingerprint Photo ☐ Fingerprint Record ☐ Map ☐ Newspaper clipping ☐ Photograph
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon

~~February~~
January 12, 1980

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PRESS RELEASE

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for Oregon, has announced a development in a crime which began on the night of November 24, 1971, at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, and has become widely known since that time as the D. B. Cooper Hijacking Case.

On the night before Thanksgiving, 1971, a man who gave the name Dan Cooper bought a one-way ticket on Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. Upon departing Portland International Airport, Cooper notified a stewardess that he was hijacking the aircraft and displayed to her what he said was a bomb in his briefcase. The flight proceeded to Seattle, where after maintaining a holding pattern for several hours, it was permitted to land and refuel. After \$200,000 and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board, he released all of the passengers and all but four members of the crew. The flight then took off and proceeded south through Washington toward Reno, Nevada. The hijacker instructed that the flaps and gear remain lowered and the rear stair door open. As the aircraft passed over LaCrosse, Washington, cabin

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Transmit attached by Facsimile - UNCLAS

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To: SAC, OMAHA (ATTN: ASAC)
From: SAC, SEATTLE
Subject: D.B. COOPER

Date: 2/12/80

Time: Transmitted - 2:55-3:10

Initials - VDK @ Omaha

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Seattle, Washington

February 12, 1980

PRESS RELEASE

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PAUL L. MACK, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR WASHINGTON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING, 1971, A MAN WHO GAVE THE NAME DAN COOPER BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. UPON DEPARTING PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COOPER NOTIFIED A STEWARDESS THAT HE WAS HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT AND DISPLAYED TO HER WHAT HE SAID WAS A BOMB IN HIS BRIEFCASE. THE FLIGHT PROCEEDED TO SEATTLE, WHERE AFTER MAINTAINING A HOLDING PATTERN FOR SEVERAL HOURS, IT WAS PERMITTED TO LAND AND REFUEL. AFTER \$200,000 AND FOUR PARACHUTES DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKER WERE BROUGHT ON BOARD, HE RELEASED ALL OF THE PASSENGERS AND ALL BUT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW. THE FLIGHT THEN TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED SOUTH THROUGH WASHINGTON TOWARD RENO, NEVADA. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE FLAPS AND GEAR REMAIN LOWERED AND THE REAR STAIR DOOR OPEN. AS THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER LA CENTER, WASHINGTON, CABIN PRESSURE FLUCTUATION WAS OBSERVED, WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO INDICATE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT

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DB Cooper-26508

November 29, 1979

[redacted]
Ass't Special Agent
Seattle, Office, FBI
Seattle, Washington 98101

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Dear Sir:

I have written a book length novel based upon the D.B. Cooper episode of 1971, which will be released in early 1980.

It would be appropriate to have an authentic reproduction of the composit drawing of the suspect, as has been publically released by the FBI.

I am therefore, writing to inquire if I could prevail upon you to send one to me that I could use, crediting its source as the FBI.

Very Sincerely,

[redacted]
Red Bluff, Calif [redacted]

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*Copy of photos
w/out file number
sent 12/28/79
John*

SUB C
164-81-8181

memorandum

DATE 11/20/79

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

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OO: Seattle

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE

source For the information of the Seattle Division, one [redacted] Fresno, California, was contacted at her request at her residence on November 5, 1979, at which time she advised as follows:

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[redacted] stated that on Wednesday, October 17, 1979, she was watching the television show "In Search Of" which featured a show about the 1971 skyjacking of a North-western Airlines Flight, in which D.B. COOPER was involved.

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[redacted] stated that she was born and reared in the Washington town of [redacted] and knew an individual in that town while attending high school there who she identified as [redacted]. Upon seeing the composite drawing of D.B. COOPER on the above mentioned television show, it immediately struck her that the composite drawing closely resembled [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] disappeared from the Washington area [redacted] sometime in 1970-1971. According to [redacted] no one knew his whereabouts until he reappeared sometime in 1975, at which time [redacted] Snohomish, Washington, met him in a local bar, after [redacted].

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[redacted] described [redacted] as having previously had skydiving as a hobby, and that he presently lives in Monroe, Washington. She described him as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 10" to 5' 11"
Age	Presently 47 years to 48 years old

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[redacted] stated that she has not seen him for approximately 10 years, although [redacted] has seen

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Date 10/29/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: B/72 SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 (OO: Seattle)
 BuFile 164-2111

SUB: [redacted]

SUB: [redacted]
SUB: [redacted]

*SUSPECT

As the Seattle office is aware and for information of Baltimore, during December, 1976, Allen Landsberg Productions, Los Angeles, California, produced a documentary film concerning captioned case for possible use as a pilot film in a contemplated series which was possibly to be captioned "Still At Large." This series would deal with still uncaptured criminals and would feature a reward offer of \$10,000. If this series did not materialize, it was planned to utilize the documentary film in the current series captioned "In Search Of," also produced by Allen Landsberg Productions and narrated by television star Leonard Nimoy. Upon instructions from the Bureau, the Portland office cooperated in the filming of this documentary, which filming included some footage of and commentary by SA [redacted] [redacted] Portland case agent.

On Sunday night, 10/28/79, the "In Search Of" television program broadcast the above mentioned documentary concerning this case. On 10/29/79, [redacted] Hunt Valley Maryland, telephone [redacted] telephoned the Portland office and spoke with SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER and SA [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he had observed the above television show and had a suspect in mind who may possibly be identical with UNSUB. [redacted] stated he desired that his identity be kept confidential and that the suspect not be informed that he, [redacted] furnished any information concerning him.

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5-8-79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
(ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION,
FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (C)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Document Section, FBI Laboratory, is one envelope and two letters. Enclosed for Seattle are Xerox copies of the letters and envelope.

From 4-13-79 to 5-5-79, a musical production was presented at the Cricket Theater at 345 - 13th Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, entitled, "The D. B. Cooper Project." This production is based on titled air hijacking.

The fact that two typewritten letters were written to the Cricket Theater by an individual who signed the letters [redacted] came to the attention of the Minneapolis Office in a newspaper article dated 5-2-79 in the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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On 5-7-79, [redacted] Cricket Theater, gave these letters to a Special Agent of the Minneapolis Division for examination. Two letters and one envelope were received and are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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[redacted] requested a receipt for the letters and desired their return. She further advised that numerous individuals at the theater handled the envelope and letters. One envelope received by the theater was lost. [redacted]

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Date of transcription 5/9/79

On this date, two letters and one envelope were received from the Cricket Theatre located at 345 13th Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The letters were received from [redacted] an [redacted] at the theatre.

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[redacted] advised that one envelope was lost at the theatre and that it was postmarked Chicago and received on the 10th or 11th of April, 1979. This envelope contained a short typewritten letter addressed to the Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and signed "Sincerely yours, [redacted] This letter was obtained. The second letter and envelope, which were obtained, were addressed to [redacted] and [redacted] The Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The letter was addressed to the Cricket Theatre, Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Dear [redacted] and typewritten signed [redacted]

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Interviewed on 5/7/79 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # Minneapolis 164-73
by SA [redacted] ska Date dictated 5/8/79

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4/23/79

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

ReMPtelcals to Portland 3/23/79, and 3/26/79.

Enclosed for Portland and Seattle is one copy each of the following:

1. D. B. COOPER project program. *(A) (679)*
2. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/8/78, captioned "Legend Of A Hijacker Comes To Cricket Theater."
3. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/8/79, written by JOHN KERANS, captioned "Northwest 727 Hijacker Cooper Made A Quantum Leap Into Mists Of Mythology."
4. Minneapolis Tribune article dated 4/16/79, captioned, "The Crickets 'D. B. Cooper' Is Leap In Rare Experience."

Sub B

On 4/13/79, SA [redacted] attended the D. B. COOPER project play at the Cricket Theater, 13th and University Avenues Northeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Play presently scheduled to run through 5/5/79. No derogatory information relative to Bureau interests presented in this play or subsequent reviews of this play or newspaper articles. Matter RUC at Minneapolis.

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12G, 20G TRIBUNE

Mpls. MN

Date: 4-8-79

Edition:

Sunday

Title: D. B. COOPER

Character:

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Classification: 164-73

Submitting Office: MINNEAPOLIS

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Northwest 727 hijacker

Cooper made

a quantum leap into mists

of mythology

By John Kerans

You can't tell a book by its cover. Nor a crook by the crime he's committed. But if you can't read the book, or you can't find the crook—then surely some speculation's permitted.

Take the case of D. B. Cooper, who 7½ years ago used a bomb threat to take command of a 727 jet, then parachuted to freedom with \$200,000 extorted from Northwest Airlines. No trace of Cooper was ever found. And since it's the only such unsolved crime in American history, you could say Cooper wrote the book on skyjacking. But he took the book along the night he made his quantum leap. And that's where the speculation begins.

The playwright:

John Orlock began to wonder about D. B. Cooper a few weeks after the crime was committed. Orlock found a letter purportedly from Cooper reprinted in the New York Times and he clipped it out. Orlock still has that clipping, though it's yellowed with age.

(In the letter, "Cooper" said in part that he had only 14 months to live and that "I knew from the start that I wouldn't be caught.")

"I read it and got the feeling of a man who finally decided to do something with his life. There was a great sadness and a great courage here," says Orlock, his fingertips touching the clipping.

"If this was indeed the case, that he was dying—and I am sure that he is now dead—then there was a certain justice here. It was a haunting piece of writing. Most importantly, I could feel a 'personality' emerging."

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Legend of a hijacker comes to Cricket Theater

By Mike Steele
Staff Writer

On Thanksgiving Eve 1971, a mild-mannered man using the name D.B. Cooper hijacked a Northwest Airlines 727 and, somewhere south of Seattle, parachuted out clutching \$200,000 in \$20 bills. He hasn't been seen since.

It was a great mystery and Cooper became something of a folk hero. Songs were written about his dazzling escapade and D.B. Cooper took his place alongside Robin Hood, Jean Lafitte and all three musketeers.

Almost overlooked during the episode, however, was a letter received by several newspapers a month after the hijacking. It was written by a man who claimed to be Cooper. The letter said: "I am an modern day Robin Hood. Unfortunately I do have only 14 months to live." He took the money, he wrote, "to gain a few fast grains of peace of mind."

One who didn't overlook the letter was playwright John Orlock. "I was fascinated by that letter," explained the 33-year-old writer, "especially a part where he wrote about living a life of agony, turmoil, hate and more hate. It was a beautiful piece of writing, straightforward and simple, the kind of letter a D.B. Cooper would have written. Let's face it, the hijacking was one of the great acts of imagination of our time, the idea of taking the money and leaving the airplane up there."

"I clipped that letter and put it in my files for a few years. I was thinking about it during that time, however, and it kept coming out in my mind as a musical, a small cabaret musical. Then five years ago we performed a rough draft of it in a workshop at Penn State where I was teaching. It only had five songs and only two or three of those original scenes remain today."

But he has worked and reworked it since, and last year "The D.B. Cooper Project" was done in a reading during the Cricket Theater's late-night works-in-progress series. It worked well enough that the Cricket is presenting it on its main stage beginning Friday through May 5, under Lou Salerni's direction.

The play, like most of Orlock's to date, will be a comic drama. It won't be the big, metaphorical statement he'll be after but, as he put it, "just people in a situation, a look at what happens when interesting characters are placed in a situation that will knock them around. I never start a play saying, 'I want to say this.' It's deadly. What really makes me cringe is when a playwright uses the title of the play as a metaphor in the play, you know, here comes the Streetcar Named Desire. I look for character and let metaphors find themselves through them."

Orlock's characters tend to be based on historical fact, then shot through with the writer's imagination. His "Indulgences in the Louisville Har- em," one of last year's hits at the

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John Orlock

Cricket, featured a mesmerist from the International Institute of Science and Populism. The mesmerist, it turned out, was mute and had to be accompanied by a friend who said all his words for him though the ideas behind the words, we were assured, were the mesmerist's.

He has also written plays about a man who played the organ in a Boston subway station and about the Golden Girl, the first female baton twirler to march with a college marching band. His latest play, recently given in the Cricket's works-in-progress series, "Revolution of the Heavenly Orbs," is about a 12th-century French cathedral builder.

If there's one thing that typifies Or-

lock's plays to date it is the way he begins with logical, historical situations and lets those situations zoom through logic right off the wall, often into surprisingly tender emotions.

"The humor is so important," said Orlock, "in terms of holding an audience. If you can make them laugh they'll follow you anywhere, right through logic into areas you could never get them to follow you normally. You simply can't bore an audience and move them too. I'm learning that more and more, how to hold an audience and how I can turn that back in on itself or into a different level."

He pulls his comedy from many styles. "I've been watching Abbott and Costello lately," he said. "It's just absolutely primal, basic material, beautifully built. The 'Who's on First?' sketch is to comedy what Bach is to music. I also watch old television series, like Sgt. Bilko. It was well written formally and just needs a content injection. And I love Moliere.

"What I'm after is situational comedy, the kind that builds from characters to the point where the audience finally says 'Oh, no, he isn't really going to do that!' It takes a bit more time to build those situations as opposed to just joke humor, but it's so much richer."

Orlock also wrote the 11 songs in this, his first musical. In fact, in the



Camille Gifford and Don Amendolla in the Cricket Theater's production of "The D. B. Cooper Project."

best tradition of musical theater, he had just completed the final one week or so before opening.

"I have a background in piano," he said, "but I haven't composed much. I did do some small film scores and some commercial work, but not much. The one song last year in 'Louisville Harem' was my first theater song. I don't think I can really describe my style. I look for theater music, songs that are scenes in themselves. I like a lot of early Kurt Weill music but I'm still exploring. This piece is scored for two pianos, harp, and either percussion or strings. Not sure yet. I had a tuba in there first but when the harp came in, I dropped it. The harp was an amazing instrument, perfect, ethereal flying music."

Orlock is a native of Philadelphia and has taught at both Penn State and Boston University. He set out to become an actor and director but about nine years ago took a playwriting course that showed him to be a writer of some skill. He soon won a Shubert Playwriting award to study at Penn State, where he wrote his first full-length play.

"I felt the great satisfaction of hearing an audience respond," he said, "and found out how nice that could be. I wrote only off and on for a while but I was getting more and more reinforcement and finally in late 1973, when I began 'D.B. Cooper,' I made the commitment to playwriting."

He came to Minneapolis in 1975 because he was tired of teaching and had heard the theater scene was promising. He and his wife loaded up a U-Haul and breezed into Minneapolis on Labor Day. He spent the first year selling calculators at Dayton's by day, teaching theater at the Guild of Performing Arts at night. He wrote and directed a few shows there and finally, a year ago, was named a playwright-in-residence at the Playwrights' Lab.

"It is a very, very useful program," he said. "I'm still involved with it. It's an opportunity to take good actors and a director and say, 'All right, I'd like to present this work. And then work on it and see how it plays. Out of the Lab work I can hear the piece, rewrite it and work it out. I still like to work this way. The Cricket's works-in-progress series has worked out the same way. It's a very nice way to bring a play along.'"

Starting next fall, Orlock will become the Cricket's literary manager in charge of reading new scripts, helping with play selection and, of course, writing.

"Above all," he said, "it will be a steady salary. I'll phase out most of my teaching and be able to concentrate on professional theater. In fact, until they asked me to take that position I had seriously thought about going back to college teaching, just to put bread on the table. I wasn't too happy with those prospects. Believe me, it feels much better to be in the theater."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state)

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Edition: Evening

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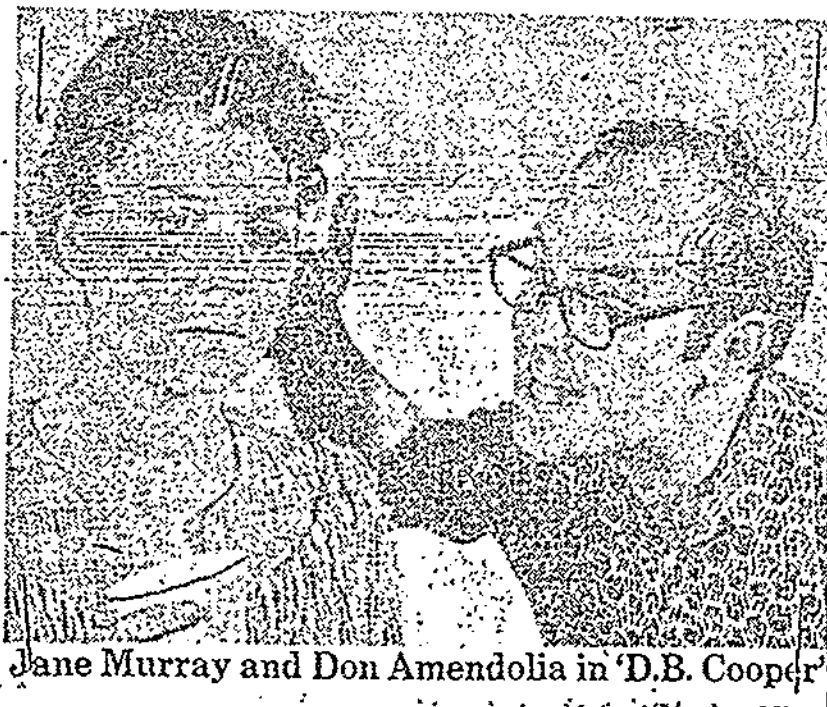
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Submitting Office: MINNEAPOLIS

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The Cricket's 'D.B. Cooper' is leap into rare experience



Jane Murray and Don Amendolia in 'D.B. Cooper'

DB Cooper-26526

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164-81-8098

"The D.B. Cooper Project," in its premiere production at the Cricket Theatre, is a work of unique dramatic imagination that boggles most conventional assessments.

Even when John Orlock's "musical fantasy" goes amiss, it still continues to add up small points toward an impressive theatrical and emotional totality.

The very concept is enough to make most of us shake our prosaic heads. Many playwrights could come up with some grabby story ideas about D.B. Cooper, the pseudonym for the 1971 hijacker who parachuted from an airliner over Washington state and disappeared into legend with \$200,000 in as yet unrecovered ransom money.

But a drama that deals only with his pre-heist humdrum? A life so mud-fence, all-American, unremarkable? Wholly without any large gestures or commanding characters? And interspersed with poignant or funny little songs?

I can only ask you to accept on faith that Orlock's off-beat idea somehow works: It is grabby precisely because it does not try to grab, or pander to our dramatic expectations. Wisely keeping it small, almost the seed of an idea, the author has created something able to grow and spread in any direction our own imaginations are able to follow.

Orlock took his text from a letter signed "D.B. Cooper" that was sent to several newspapers a month after the crime. The writer (whoever he was) denied being a professional criminal ("I never even got a parking ticket") but said: "I am no modern day Robin Hood," and added, "Unfortunately, I do have only 14 months to live."

The letter speaks of a life that had been filled with "agony, turmoil, hate and more hate" and explains that the extorted money

"was to gain a few fast grains of peace of mind."

It is the person who would have written such a letter that fascinates Orlock. Happily, he was not influenced by the sensational mythologizing of the crime in constructing his imagined character. His chief interest centers on what, in terms of ordinary American life, some average man would regard as "agony, turmoil and hate," what he might consider "peace of mind" in facing an early death, even what image of a "Robin Hood" he felt honor-bound to reject.

So, we start with the drably mundane figure of Aaron Tarkus, who runs a failing gas station in Camden, N.J., is unhappily and childlessly married to someone from high school and has no emotional, social or intellectual life outside weekend TV football with two nonentity buddies.

Orlock's amusing and original "Indulgences in the Louisville Har-

lem" was a hit last season at the Cricket, but this new play, by triumphing over its very imperfections, reveals a growing depth of sensitivity and awareness that true drama is created inside characters and to the degree that they are given functional human reality and dimensions.

It is these qualities that confer interest and a strangely urgent significance on the unpromising Aaron Tarkus and his dreary associations—not as some latent superman but as a Joe Doakes whose hurts and hopes are as important to him as those of any towering dramatic characters.

In the amazing hands of Don Amendolia, Aaron almost imperceptibly emerges from a negligible jerk (a whining commentary on the frauds and baubles of the American Dream) into something like epic pathos. He acquires odd stature, however misguided, in his determination finally to do at least

one thing right—even if it is too late and even if it is wrong. In the process, in extremity, we see the unrecognized (or defeated) better feelings and possibilities that had lain sadly fallow in him all along.

This sounds very heavy, but Orlock and the Cricket crew drop it on us only after laying a deceptive groundwork, part frisky inconsequence and part commonplace human troubles.

Fred Thompson is Aaron's business partner and original "brains" of the hijack scheme to break them out of their circular hopelessness. Clive Rosengren is the other loud-mouthed boob, equally unlikely for such high enterprise.

Mildly surreal staging devices establish the fantasy tone: All the props (beer cans, eating utensils, "things") are twice life-size; the people wear ghastly bargain-basement garments in clashing colors and patterns; revolving backdrop panels inject them into changing

times and places.

I found the music only sporadically effective. "Betty's Waltz," sung by Jane Murray, broke my heart as Aaron's wife mourned dead love over a box of face powder—the long-ago last gift he had given her—"bought on sale." "This Is My Sister" is delightful comic patter, the roommate complaints of sexy Camille Gifford and "plain-Jane" Dolores Noah—unwittingly involved with the hijack plotters.

Too many of the numbers, how-

ever, seemed irrelevant padding, and not interesting enough as separate songs. Perhaps intentionally (to avoid slick "musical" lyricism?), most were played in the wrong key for individual singers, making the voices unmelodious and words often unintelligible.

But, a gritty truth and deeply moving humanity cut through both the usefully distancing whimsy and the unneeded artifice to make "D.B. Cooper" a rare theater experience.

SAC, Seattle (164-81) (P)

6/13/78

Director, FBI (164-2111)

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



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Reurairtel dated 5/23/78.

Enclosed as requested is one copy of the videotape of Alan Lansbury's production, "Still At Large."

Since this is one film in a pilot series to be aired in the future, it should not be shown to other than FBI personnel. When finished with videotape, return to the Bureau, Attention: Public Affairs Office.

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Enclosure

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Date 5/25/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

In order that the office of origin in this important matter be fully aware of what information has been released to the press by the Portland Division, the following lead is being set out:

LEAD:PORTLAND

Will forward to Seattle a copy of all press releases as well as all newspaper clippings contained in Portland's NORJAK file.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

DATE: 12/29/76

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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On 12/28/76, ASAC [REDACTED] Portland Division, telephonically advised that the Bureau had authorized cooperation with the Allen Lansburg Productions in order that the firm could produce a 30 minute film based on captioned matter. [REDACTED] stated that the authorization included an interview of SA [REDACTED] who is the case agent in Portland, by the research crew as well as photograph him during the interview. [REDACTED] stated that they desired to get photographs of [REDACTED] at the Lake Merwin site and were proceeding to that area for these photographs and [REDACTED] was advising this office since the area is in the Seattle Division territory.

[REDACTED] advised that they would next be coming to Seattle to obtain additional information and one of the items they desired to see was the transcript made of the tapes between the control tower and the pilot at the time of the hijacking. [REDACTED] stated that the AUSA in Portland had refused to grant them permission to hear the actual tapes, but felt that they could be shown the transcripts of these tapes.

On 12/29/76, I was contacted by [REDACTED] Allen Lansburg Productions regarding this matter at which time he was advised that I had not received any approval from FBIHQ to furnish him with any information and [REDACTED] stated he would call back.

I then telephonically contacted [REDACTED] External Affairs Division who advised that cooperation had been authorized to the extent that it would not interfere with the investigation or jeopardize any prosecution.

On 12/29/76, [REDACTED] appeared in the office at which time he advised he desired to review the transcripts of the tape of the conversation between the control tower and the pilot and that he intended to use portions of these tapes in the

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Seattle (164-81)

DATE: 12/22/76

FROM : *o/f* SAC, Minneapolis (164-73) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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For the information of Seattle, on 12/16/76, [redacted] Minneapolis, who was a stewardess on the hijack flight in captioned matter, contacted the Minneapolis FBI Office and advised that on 12/12/76 she received a call from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of Warner Brothers Studios, Los Angeles, California. [redacted] told [redacted] that Warner Brothers was doing a film on highjacking and D. B. COOPER and wanted [redacted] to come to California to look at some pictures of COOPER. [redacted] advised that [redacted] told her that Warner Brothers Studios knew who COOPER was. [redacted] advised that she did not cooperate with [redacted] and she does not intend to contact him in California. [redacted] thought that the above call may be a prank, but thought it should be reported.

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[redacted] is still a stewardess for Northwest Airlines and she maintains a residence at [redacted] San Diego, California, in addition [redacted] in Minneapolis.

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This matter is being submitted to Seattle for whatever action deemed appropriate.

Copy being sent to Los Angeles in the event contact is necessary at Warner Brothers Studios.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

DATE: 12/20/76

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On 12/14/76, Mr. [] Chief of Investigations, Air Transportation Security Division, Regional Office, FAA, Seattle, Washington, telephonically advised that earlier that day he received a telephone call from [] representing Allen Landsburg Productions, Inc., Los Angeles, California, their telephone number 213-273-7400, requesting cooperation of the FAA in doing a production on D. B. COOPER.

[] explained they are going to do a feature of some type, entitled "Still At Large" which would include the saga of the D. B. COOPER hijacking of 11/24/71.

[] explained that they would like to interview the FAA Air Traffic Controllers and do some "shooting" in the FAA facilities at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in connection with that story.

Mr. [] advised that he referred [] their Public Affairs Office at the FAA Regional Office, Seattle, and in addition, Mr. [] also referred the matter to Mr. [] Director of Civil Aviation Security Services, FAA, Washington, D. C.

Mr. [] advised that it is a standard procedure of FAA that if any request is made to them along this line that, where it is a commercial matter and obviously for profit, that they require that before any interviews are conducted that the FAA be furnished with a complete list of all questions and topics which would be asked.

Mr. [] later advised that FAA has taken the stand that, since this matter is a pending investigation with the FBI and particularly in view of the recently handed down indictment at Portland in the D. B. COOPER case, they will not honor his request.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

DATE: 12/1/76

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

This date [redacted] Cowlitz County SO, Kelso, Washington advised that his department was contacted by a California TV Production company which films the LEONARD NIMOY show "In search of" requesting cooperation in the filming of a documentary re captioned matter. [redacted] stated he pointed out it was a two county SO operation with Clark and Cowlitz counties but his department would cooperate. He inquired re FBI cooperation in the filming and was advised that FBI (location unknown) had been contacted and refused to cooperate on basis this was pending case.

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The company will start their production in Cowlitz County this date. [redacted] was advised that if any information was sought by company re FBI participation contact should be made with [redacted] Seattle or SAC.

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TO : FILE (80-5)

DATE: 11/30/76

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: SPEECH MATTERS

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SAC [REDACTED] made separate tapes and had separate interviews with the following newspapers, radio and TV stations concerning the D.B.COOPER case on November 24, 1976. It should be noted that ABC, NBC, and CBS, New York, are listed separately since they interviewed separately, and results of these interviews were picked up by many of their affiliates whose identity is not known.

NEWSPAPERS:

"Daily Olympian"
"Seattle Times"
"Seattle P-I"
"Bellevue American"
"Oregon Journal"
"Chicago Tribune"
"New York Times"
"Bellingham Herald"
"Tacoma Tribune"
"Spokane Review"

TELEVISION:

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ABC, New York
NBC, New York
CBS, New York

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TO : ALL AGENTS []

DATE: 10/27/76

FROM: SAC, []

SUBJECT: PRESS MATTERS

For the past several years, the FBI, like many other Governmental agencies, has had an "open door" policy with all members of the news media, with the result that each Division now has a Special Agent who operates as that Division's news media relations man. It is his responsibility for establishing and maintaining relations with all news media personnel and to handle all routine inquiries. The Bureau has instructed that whenever an inquiry is received from a newsman, whether or not this particular reporter has or has not written favorable or unfavorable articles about the Bureau, he should be treated as courteously as possible. Naturally, if the person is inquiring about policy matters, the inquiry should be referred to the SAC, or in his absence, the ASAC.

With regard to matters pertaining to pending investigations, future arrests or major cases, there appears to be some confusion, therefore, for the purpose of clarification, I would like to point out the following:

1. Routine inquiries in Headquarters City should be directed to SA [] (News Media Representative for this Division), and in his absence the SAC or ASAC.

2. Routine inquiries at Resident Agencies are to be handled by the Senior Resident Agent unless it is a case that has received some notoriety or is going to get an inordinant number of inquiries, then it should be referred to Headquarters City. The Senior Resident Agent is the only person authorized to talk with the press, and he should make certain that any statement is in accordance with current existing regulations.

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3. Whenever a case Agent has an investigation of any consequence or a major incident occurs, i.e. shooting, arrest of well-known figure, it is his responsibility to promptly notify the SAC, ASAC, and SA in order that all inquiries can be properly handled. The case Agent should not hesitate to notify the above, even though the incident occurs over weekends, holidays, or after normal working hours.

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4. Case Agents are not to offer opinions, statements, or speculations about cases when they are approached by members of the press during or after investigations.

Concerning the above items, it should be pointed out that the D. B. COOPER case is receiving a great deal of publicity because of the approaching anniversary date of the hijacking. In order that the FBI can speak in "one" voice about this case, it is important that all press inquiries be referred to headquarters. This is to avoid inconsistencies such as individual Agents speculating about what might have happened in the COOPER case and these inconsistencies being pointed out by the members of the media.

I again want to point out that the FBI's policy with the press has been established by the Director and has been approved by the Attorney General. This policy is general in nature and common sense should dictate in most instances how a particular incident should be handled; however, the above guidelines are being reiterated at this time. If there is any doubt in your mind about how to handle a particular situation, it should be resolved in favor of immediately notifying the SAC, ASAC, or news media representative.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

DATE: 9/16/76

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
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It is becoming apparent that the news media interest in this case is building because of the possibility of the Statute of Limitations running out in November, 1976. It is anticipated that numerous inquiries will be received by the Seattle Division concerning captioned matter. This includes inquiries at Resident Agencies.

In order for us to maintain a consistent posture it is recommended that all inquiries be referred to the Case Agent or the Press Relations Agent or the ASAC or SAC. In this way, no confusion should arise because of conflicting information being disseminated to the press.

If this policy is approved, the writer will set out the above policy in memorandum form for all agents assigned to the Seattle Division, including Resident Agencies.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81 Sub C) (P) DATE: 8/31/76

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

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On 8/19/76, [REDACTED] work telephone number [REDACTED] and home telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the writer and advised he was in the process of writing a feature story for the Seattle Times. [REDACTED] was interested in information concerning captioned matter, and the writer referred him to Special Agent in Charge, JOHN M. REED, and [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]

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On 8/23/76, [REDACTED] again contacted the writer with several questions concerning this matter. The questions were taken down by the writer and provided to SA [REDACTED]. The writer and [REDACTED] discussed possible answers to these questions, and those questions which could be answered were provided to [REDACTED] later that same day by SA [REDACTED].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

DATE: 8/17/76

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
(BUfile 164-2111)

RE: SUB J - MISCELLANEOUS PERSONS
SUB C - PUBLICITY

On 7/15/76, a man who identified himself as [REDACTED] stated telephonically that [REDACTED] for the Toronto Star in Toronto, Canada. [REDACTED] advised that he was calling long distance to obtain information concerning captioned crime. [REDACTED] was advised by the writer that he could furnish no information to him in that this was a pending case. However, [REDACTED] was advised that any official information that could be released would have to be done by the Special Agent in Charge of the Seattle Division or the Press Officer, [REDACTED]

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On the same date, the above information was made available to [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

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Re Bureau airtel to Seattle, etc., 5/5/76.

Representatives of the "Oregonian" and "Oregon Journal," Portland, Oregon, daily newspapers, have been contacted regarding the possibility of again publishing the serial numbers of the extortion money received in this matter.

On 6/7/76, the city editor of each paper stated that due to the production problems involved it was simply not possible to assist with this project. In each instance they stated they did not wish to appear uncooperative and that they would be most happy to publish any further information regarding the possibility of rewards or other such material.

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The Daily Chronicle, 98531, Saturday, May 15, 1976

It was 'Dan' Cooper,

Not D.B.

By HAL D. STEWARD

Chronicle Staff Writer

All this time you have thought the first skyjacker to parachute — he did it in Nov. 1973 northeast of Woodland — to earth with his \$200,000 loot was named D.B. Cooper.

Not so. He was never known as D. B. Cooper except in the public mind. He called himself simply Dan Cooper when he bought his ticket and boarded the plane at Portland en route to Seattle, where he commandeered the jet and got his parachutes and money. It is as Dan Cooper that the FBI is still looking for him.

This is the kind of dispensable information you'll find in a new book called "The Dictionary of Misinformation" by Tom Burnam (Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York).

The book puts us straight on a variety of esoteric mis-information, most of which has been passed down to us as accurate for several generations.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Daily Chronicle
Centralia, Washington

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Author: HAL D. STEWARD
Editor: ERIC HOXIT
Title: NORJAK

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OO: SEATTLE
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RE: SUB C - PUBLICITY

RE: SUB J - MISCELLANEOUS PERSONS

On 4/23/76 while discussing another criminal case with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] he advised that a [REDACTED] had written him stating that he [REDACTED] and wanted to know [REDACTED] opinion concerning the statute of limitations in this crime.

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[REDACTED] furnished the following address for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] California [REDACTED]

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The above information is being included for completeness of the file only and to have a record of [REDACTED] in NORJAK indices.

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To: SACS, Seattle (164-81)
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Los Angeles (164-797)
Portland (164-41)
San Francisco (164-220)

From: Director, FBI (164-2111)

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Representatives from receiving offices were in attendance at the Norjak seminar held at San Francisco, 4/8-9/76, where a suggestion was made to institute a publicity campaign for release in early November, 1976, widely publicizing a reward for any twenty-dollar bill turned in from the ransom list published in various media periodicals and possible local newspapers. This suggestion was approved at FBIHQ and efforts to initiate appropriate groundwork steps are now being taken.

Receiving offices should, at this time, contact major newspapers within their Divisions in an effort to determine if first they would participate in this publicity venture by printing on a one-time, daily, or weekly basis the list of ransom bill serial numbers and second if they agree to printing these, is there a particular form in which the numbers could be provided to facilitate easier printing of same. Newspaper officials should be advised that calls from individuals concerning the fact that they possess a twenty-dollar bill of interest will be directed to the nearest FBI Office.

Seattle should immediately set out leads for Minneapolis to contact officials at Northwest Airlines in an effort to determine their interest in possibly pro-

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HUNT STILL ON FOR D. B. COOPER

The fact that the hunt is still on for the skyjacker known as D. B. Cooper whose story was told in the August Issue of *MISSING*, became apparent recently when Jerry A. Cooper, a Virginia man, learned he was being investigated by the FBI as possibly being the mystery man.

It is not surprising that Jerry Cooper was suspected of being the skyjacker. Jerry, a 30-year-old heavy equipment operator, was a sport skydiver for about eight years until he gave it up five years ago. And at one time he worked as a fueler at Washington National Airport where the hijacked Northwest flight originated four years ago.

"You come right down to it, the guy is almost the same as me. The same weight, same height, same complexion." Jerry said when interviewed by reporters. "You put glasses on that man and look at me four years ago and you're pretty close. My hair was

shorter then. The ears are the same. It's scary."

The skyjacker who bailed out of the Northwest 727 somewhere between Seattle and Reno on the night of November 24, 1971, was described by witnesses as being about six feet tall, 180 pounds with dark hair and complexion. He was thought to be between forty and fifty years old, but the resemblance is startling as shown in the photographs below.

At last report, the FBI was still investigating Jerry Cooper's whereabouts on that Wednesday, four years ago, but Michael A. Morrow, the assistant special FBI agent in charge of the Alexandria, Virginia office said, "We feel very certain that he isn't D. B. Cooper, but until we are one hundred per cent sure we'll keep checking."

Jerry's comment was, "D. B. Cooper, come out of hiding and get me out of this!"



Jerry Cooper



Artist's Composite Drawing
of D. B. Cooper

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Open Case

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Bring file

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me

☐ Return assignment card

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☐ Deadline passed

☐ See me

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☐ Serial # _____

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☐ Expedite

☐ Send to _____

☐ File

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ For information

☐ Submit report by _____

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☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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Attached is the August issue of the magazine "Missing" received unsolicited by the Seattle Office. Seattle has no knowledge of this magazine, which is published at Atlanta, Georgia.

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Philip T. Barker
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Office *Seattle*
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It apparently was sent to this office because of the article on the D. B. Cooper case. It is noted the magazine also carries a listing of the Top Ten fugitives. The magazine is furnished for your information.

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A POTENTIAL RUNAWAY?

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SOME MISSINGS ARE
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D. B. COOPER?
WHERE ARE YOU?



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D.B. COOPER! WHERE ARE YOU?

Three and one-half years after he parachuted from a Northwest Airlines Jet, the skyjacker known as D. B. Cooper and the \$200,000 in ransom money are still MISSING.

Who is he? Or who was he? And why with all that is known about him, and with all the resources at their command, has the FBI not been able at least to identify, if not locate him?

According to Mr. Tom Harrington, Information Officer for the FBI in Washington, the investigation is ongoing, the files are still active, and the FBI believes that someday they will bring the case to a satisfactory conclusion. But if they have any new information, they are not revealing it.

While there are a number of contradictions in the story as it has been told in the various news media at the time and since, the facts according to the FBI and other authorities are these.

Boarded Flight at Portland

There were no hijacking precautions being taken at any airports in 1971, when on November 24, the day before Thanksgiving, an average looking man wearing dark glasses purchased a seat on Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. He gave his name as Dan Cooper, but later the media picked it up as D. B. Cooper and that is the name that he has continued to be known by. It was a one way ticket from the twenty-five minute flight and he boarded the Boeing 727 along with thirty-six other passengers that afternoon. Flight 305 had originated in Washington, D. C. and made stops in Minneapolis, Great Falls, Montana, Missoula, Montana, and Spokane, Washington, before ar-



(World Wide Photo)

iving in Portland. It was to terminate at Seattle.

The crew consisted of three pilots, Captain William Scott, Flight Officer W. (Bob) Ratacazak and Flight Officer H. E. Anderson, and three stewardesses, Tina Mucklow, Florence Schaffner and Alice Hancock. Shortly after takeoff, the man known as Cooper handed a note to Stewardess Schaffner.

"I thought he was trying to hustle me," the stewardess said later at a press conference. "I stuffed the note in my purse and he motioned that I should read it."

The note said he had a bomb and wanted to go to Mexico. When she looked up he showed her a briefcase with red cylinders that looked like dynamite connected by wires. Following his instructions, she sat down beside him and wrote down instructions to the pilot.

Wanted 10,000 Twenty Dollar Bills

He wanted ten thousand twenty-

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dollar bills delivered to him at Seattle in a laundry sack along with two sets of parachutes. Otherwise he would blow up the plane.

According to Bill Hawkes, assistant chief in the Seattle-Tacoma Airport Tower, the first indication they had of the trouble was when the captain radioed he had "a little trouble in the cockpit." While the plane circled Seattle for two and one-half hours, the \$200,000 in twenty-dollar bills was collected from several Seattle banks and the parachutes were obtained from nearby McCord Air Force Base. The hijacker refused to let the plane land until the money, the parachutes and a fuel truck were ready and waiting.

Newspaper accounts say that during this time Captain Scott negotiated with the hijacker. But from later

reports it seems evident that there was little negotiation on Cooper's part. He wanted the money, the parachutes, and transportation to Mexico. When these were ready and waiting he would allow the airplane to land and park in a remote section of the airport to be refueled. Then, when the money was on board, the passengers and two of the stewardesses could deplane; after which, they would depart immediately.

Captain Scott apparently did not alarm his passengers. Later Assistant U. S. Attorney Larry Finegold, one of the passengers, told newsmen that they were informed by the crew that there were some minor difficulties.

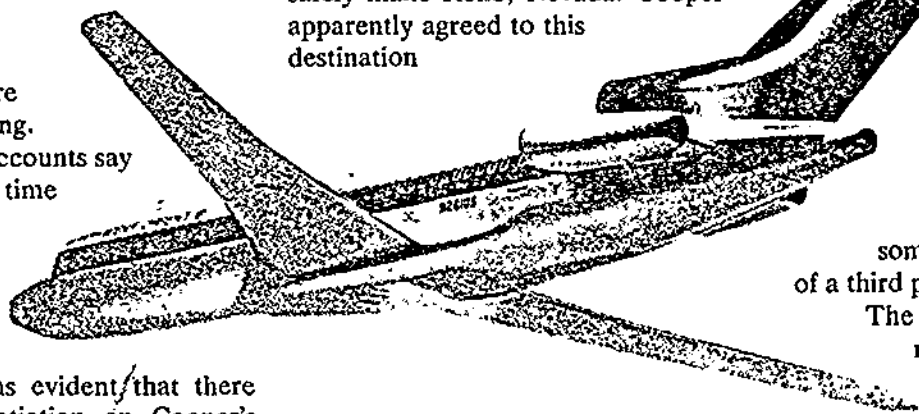
"Then we saw they were dumping gas and I thought there was some landing gear problem," Finegold said. "After we landed, I saw this gas truck drive up and I thought to myself, 'Why don't they get us off first?' I then saw the money bag being handed over and I realized that there had been a hijack."

The plane was parked in a remote

section of the airport and the passengers were required to walk a distance to a bus since the hijacker wouldn't allow the vehicle near the aircraft. Landings and takeoffs were delayed while the passengers walked across the runway to the waiting bus.

Route of Flight Selected by the Captain

Reports are a little vague about the sequence of events but the FBI firmly states that Cooper's requested destination was Mexico City. When he was told by Captain Scott that the plane could not fly there without refueling, the hijacker suggested a stop at Yuma, Arizona. The Captain's reply was that even Yuma was beyond the range of the 727, but that he could safely make Reno, Nevada. Cooper apparently agreed to this destination



and according to the FBI, allowed the Captain to select the route of flight. However at some point in the discussion, the hijacker specifically told the Captain that he was to fly at an altitude of 10,000 feet, at a speed of 200 miles per hour with 15 degrees of flaps extended. These conditions limited the range of the aircraft and of course led everyone to believe that he had no real interest in Mexico City but planned to parachute out at some point along the way.

After takeoff, Cooper locked the three pilots and stewardess Muchlow in the cockpit and remained alone in the cabin of the aircraft. The Boeing 727 is one of the few commercial airliners with a rear exit with retractable stairs. In the lowered position these steps are well below the plane and a parachutist would have no difficulty clearing the fuselage. The Captain was instructed to unlock the rear stairs and leave the cabin in darkness.

There are lights in the cockpit to

indicate the position of the stairs. About twenty minutes after departure the Captain became aware that Cooper was extending the stairs.

"Anything we can do for you?" the Captain called back over the plane's interphone.

There was no answer but a few seconds later another light flashed in the cockpit indicating the ramp was fully extended. Then Cooper came on the interphone and answered a brief, "No." That was the last that was heard from him.

Approximately three hours later when the plane landed

in Reno, Cooper, the money, two parachutes, the briefcase containing the bomb, some food rations and part of a third parachute were missing. The skyjacker had carefully reclaimed his note from the stewardess and left no

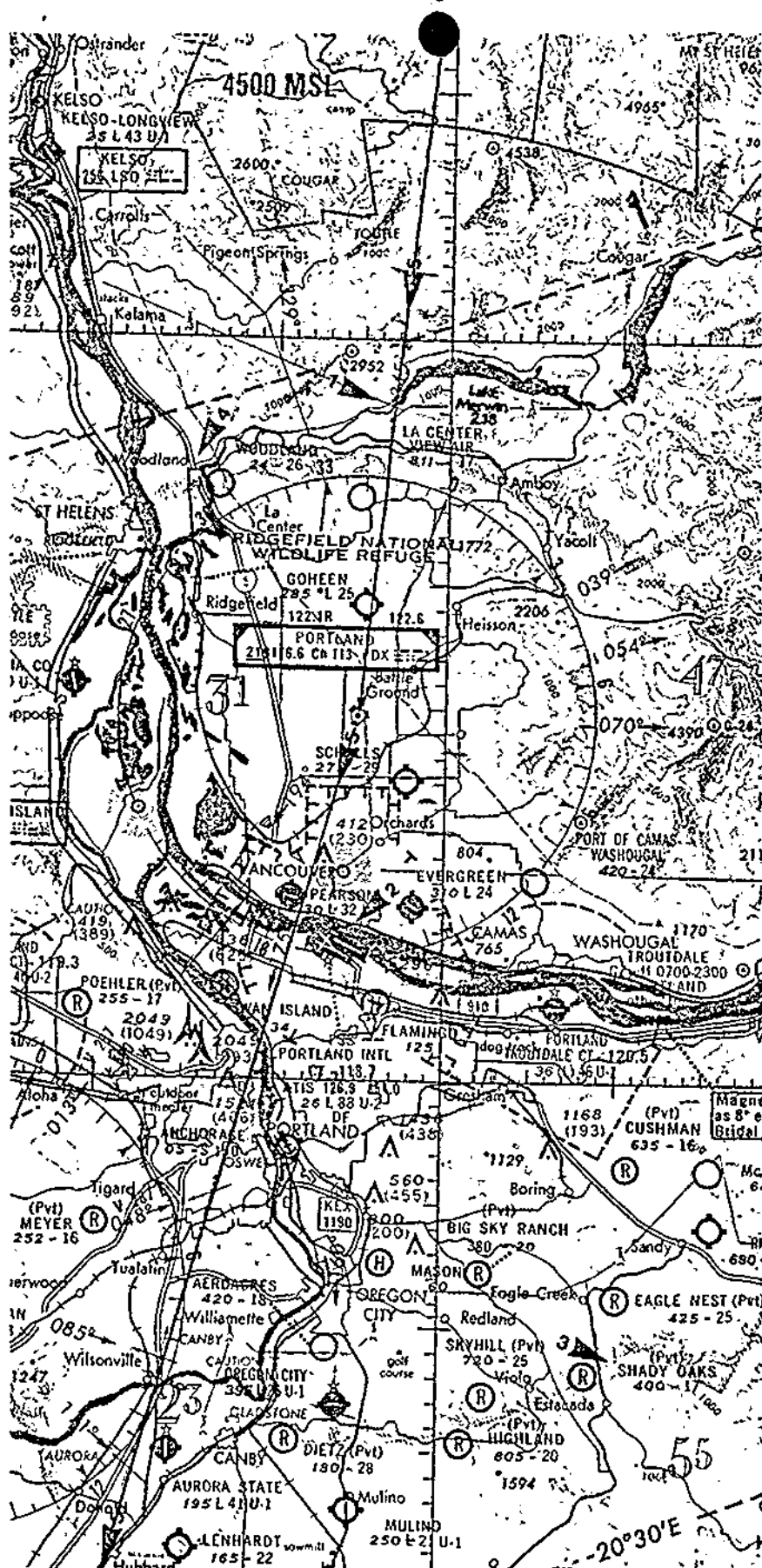
fingerprints. The ramp was still extended.

The Search Begins

Police with dogs searched the darkened runways of the Reno airport, a residential section, and desert area nearby after the plane landed, without result. FBI agent Harold Campbell stated the next day that there was no way the hijacker could have escaped after the plane landed. At that time he speculated that the man may have parachuted out over the broad flatlands of the Willamette Valley.

Newsmen were hindered by a complete blackout of information from Northwest Airlines employees. Walter Hellman, public relations vice president, blamed it on the FBI and FAA saying that Northwest had been instructed to make no statements until the crew had been debriefed.

While agent Campbell may have had some doubts about where Cooper
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AERONAUTICAL CHART OF THE PORTLAND, OREGON, AREA

1. Point where the FBI thinks Cooper Jumped
2. Portland International Airport where he boarded Flight 305
3. Spot where unidentified Skull was found
4. Woodland, Washington, Headquarters for the Search
5. Route of Flight 305 on its flight from Seattle to Reno

departed the aircraft, other FBI agents apparently did not. According to FBI Information Officer Harrington, a search was started in the vicinity of Lake Merwin in southern Washington almost immediately after the plane passed over. Information supplied by the crew was reported to be the reason for this. When questioned specifically about what it was the crew reported that convinced the FBI that Cooper had jumped in this area, Harrington was vague. However it was definitely established that at 8:10 that night the 727 passed over the Lewis River on federal airway V-23E and that this was the time immediately after the hijacker had fully extended the stairs. Harrington states that the plane was in solid cloud at the time. Other reports indicate that the Air Force had scrambled interceptors to follow the airliner, but because of darkness, or the clouds, or both, they never saw a man leave the airliner. At the Portland International Airport, approximately 30 miles south, the weathermen were reporting a ceiling of 2500 feet overcast with rain. Winds at the aircraft's altitude of 10,000 feet were reported to be from the West-Southwest at 25 to 45 knots.

Believing that Cooper had jumped somewhere near where the airway crosses the Lewis River (at about the Lake Merwin Dam), the FBI transformed the nearby town of Woodland, Washington, into a command post. Agent Tom Manning was put in charge of a small army of police, FBI agents, Sheriff's Deputies and soldiers from Ft. Lewis, Washington. They spent all of that Thursday, Thanksgiving Day 1971, combing a section approximately ten miles wide by fifteen miles long, both north and south of Lake Merwin with planes, helicopters, jeeps and tracking dogs. The weather was bad with intermittent rain and fog and this hindered the search. At one point, the Army called off its helicopters, but other helicopters provided by Weyerhaeuser, the lumber company, and the Bonneyville Power Administration continued making intermittent passes over the area. Much of the area is rugged terrain and the freshly

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fallen snow made it virtually impassable.

The search resumed on Friday, but by now police doubted that Cooper could have survived.

"We're either looking for a parachute or a hole in the ground," Under-Sheriff Tom McDowell of Clark County was quoted as saying. After a week the search was called off.

Then, late in March, 1972, 300 soldiers from Ft. Lewis searched the thawing terrain for 18 days. They found no traces of Cooper although they did find a body and cleared up a local murder.

What happened to him? And what happened to the bag of money which was reported to be 6"x8"x27" and weigh 24½ pounds?

Four Theories

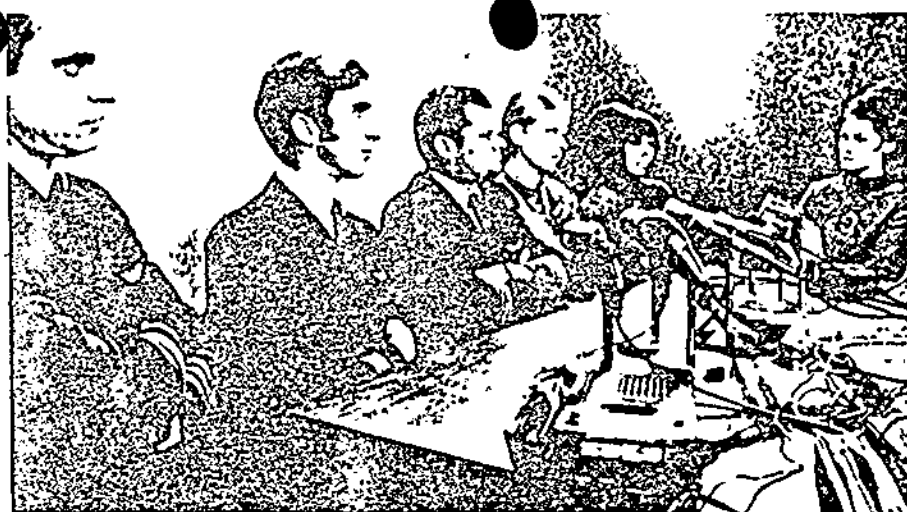
While there has been much speculation all theories fall into one of four basic categories:

(1) He bailed out where the FBI thinks he did and got away before the search started.

(2) He bailed out where the FBI thinks he did and is still there, hung in some remote tree or possibly at the bottom of Lake Merwin.

(3) He bailed out elsewhere and got away.

(4) He bailed out elsewhere and did not survive.



Crew of Northwest Airlines Flight 305. Left to Right, Second Officer H. E. Anderson, First Officer William (Bob) Rataczak, Captain William Scott, Stewardesses Tina Mucklow, Florence Shaffner and Alice Hancock. (World Wide Photos)

Let's examine each of these in turn.

No one seems to give much credence to the first theory. If FBI agent Harrington's statement is correct and the search was started immediately after the plane passed over the area, Cooper could hardly have landed, hidden his parachutes (or taken them with him) and gotten out of the area with his bag of money without attracting attention. It was raining and even if he was lucky enough to come down on a paved road, he could not have hitched a ride without the incident being reported. And what did he do with the parachutes? Could he have had a car or an accomplice with a car waiting for him? This is a good possibility,

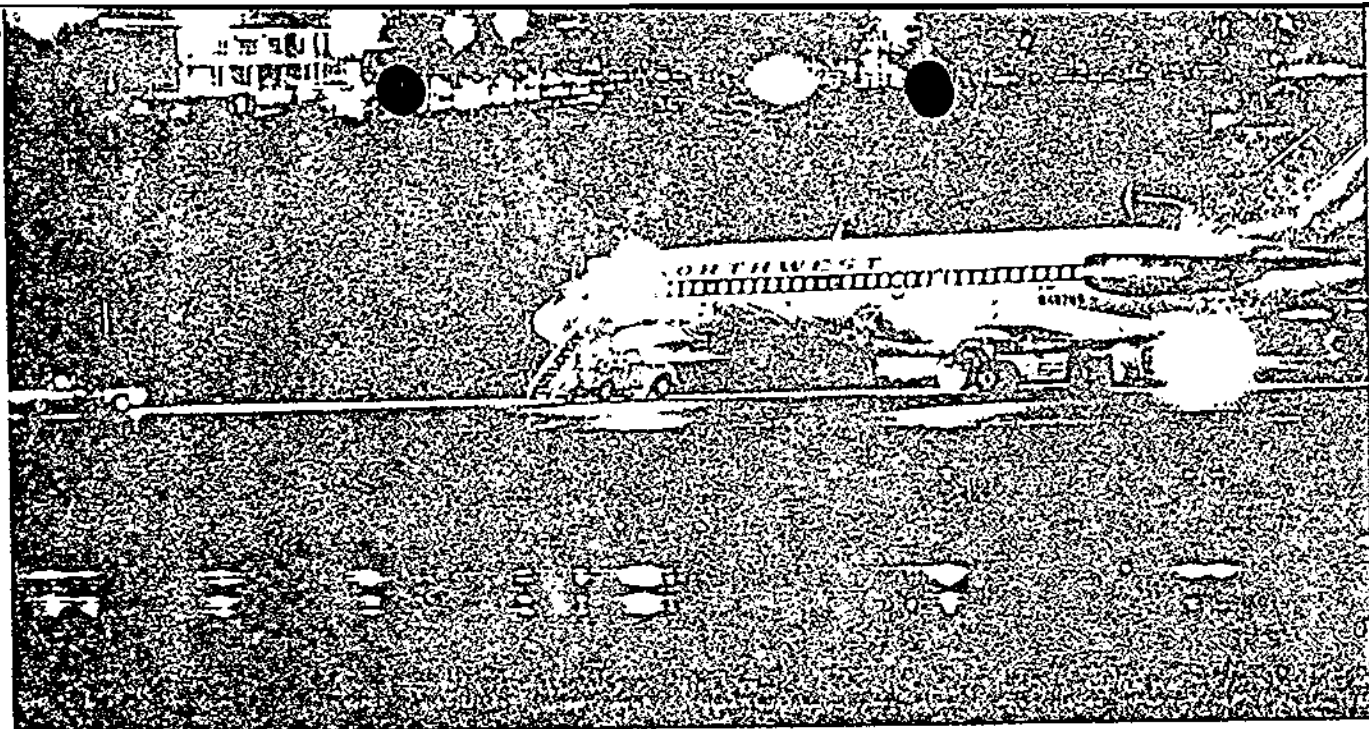
but if he did, how did he know exactly when and where to jump to meet this accomplice in time to get away before the hunt started? While he did not specify the route of the flight the plane was to take, it is possible that he knew that for the airliner to fly to Mexico City, Yuma or Reno, at an altitude of 10,000 feet, it would have to take the airway it did, at least as far as Portland. And it is possible that he could estimate their position by knowing the amount of time it would take them to fly to that point from Seattle at the speed of two hundred miles an hour. But even at 200 miles an hour, the plane was traveling at better than three miles a minute. To do all these things and then be lucky enough to land close enough to his planned point of landing in that weather to get away, money, parachutes and all, before the search started would indeed be incredible.

Another point against this theory is the absence of the parachutes. If he did indeed come down in a planned spot and have transportation nearby, it would seem he would leave the parachutes. He had no further need for them and he certainly wouldn't carry them if he had to walk any distance or had to hitch a ride out.

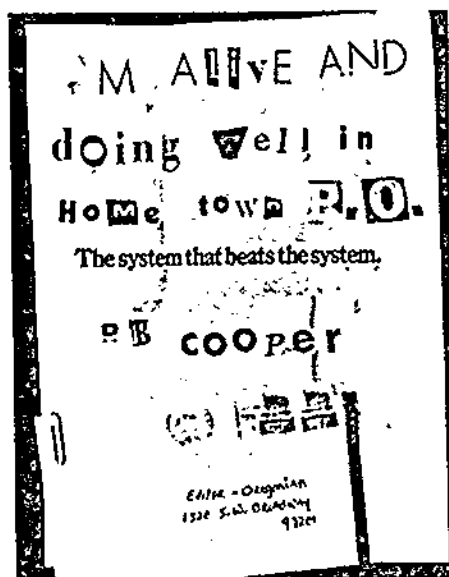
Theory number two is a little more likely than number one, but nevertheless seems to have been abandoned. From all reports, the searches that were made, both at the time immediately following the flight, and the following spring were very



Search—A Helicopter takes off from search headquarters on Friday, November 26, 1971, as Clark County deputy sheriff Bob Rayburn checks a map of the area where the FBI thought Cooper jumped. (World Wide Photos)



Northwest Airlines Flight 305 as it sat on the ground at Seattle Wednesday evening. At this point the plane is being refueled and in the car at left, an airline employee waits to deliver the 10,000 twenty-dollar bills and the four parachutes. The passengers are still on board but shortly after this Cooper allowed them to get off and walk to a waiting bus. (World Wide Photos)



A letter delivered on December 2, 1971 to the Portland Newspaper, The Oregonian. The letters were taken from magazines. (World Wide Photos)



In the months following the hijacking Cooper became a legend in the Northwest—pictured as a lone Robin Hood who stole from a giant corporation, hurt no one and got away. A song extolling his feat became a hit and T-shirts, like the one shown here, sold by the thousands. (World Wide Photos)

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thorough. Still the possibility remains that the body, the money and all are still there either in a tree or in the lake. Clark County deputies who were questioned about this theory won't discount it completely. Even though this area is crossed by state route 503 and is walked over by hunters and timber men, they say that the undergrowth is dense in places and that a body might be missed. The shores of the lake were searched carefully for any sign of the man, the money or the chutes and no traces were found. But the FBI has given up searching, so they must feel this is no longer a reasonable possibility.

Theory number three therefore seems more plausible than one or two. Perhaps he didn't jump when the Captain thought he did, but stayed out there on the extended stairs until a later time. Perhaps he did wait for the flatlands of the Willamette Valley before he took his leave.

But if he did, and if he survived, what happened to him after he landed. He still had no way to know exactly where he was. Therefore when he came down he would have to leave his parachutes and either walk or hitchhike to a town where he could obtain transportation. According to the FBI, authorities all along the route of flight were alerted that night and it wasn't until the next day that it became general knowledge that the search was being concentrated in the Lake Merwin area. And if he left the parachutes, isn't it reasonable to think that they or their remains would have been discovered by now?

Another factor that supports the theory that Cooper did not survive is the fact that none of the money has ever turned up. The numbers of the 10,000 twenty-dollar bills were circulated to banks in a 34 page booklet and have been widely publicized by the Portland Newspapers, the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian. They have a reward offer which still stands of \$1,000 for the first twenty-dollar bill on the list to turn up.

This brings us to theory number four. Could he have bailed out somewhere other than the Lake Merwin area and not survived?

Some months ago when a weathered human skull was found by a hiker in the Mt. Hood National Forest east of the town of Estacada, it was thought this might be the remains of Cooper. But the FBI ruled this out. First the spot where the skull was found was too far from the flight path of the aircraft that night and second, experts think the skull belonged to a man younger than Cooper is thought to have been. Detective Worth of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said that the skull had been in the woods for at least one year and possibly as long as ten. He believed it was closer to ten due to the amount of moss that had overgrown it. While the fact that a parachute was lodged in a tree not too far from the skull gave credence to the theory that this might be Cooper, Worth stated that there were several roads between the two spots and while they have not gotten the parachute out of the tree, it looks like the type used for weather instruments. The two parachutes Cooper used were both white, while the third one that he cut up, probably to tie the money bag to him, was pink.

Still, this theory that he jumped elsewhere and did not survive is the only theory that will fit all the known facts unless one allows for a tremendous amount of luck on Cooper's part. No traces of him, the chutes, or the money have surfaced. They could still be there, somewhere along the path of flight 305 that night, south of the Lewis River, but north of Reno, hanging in a tree or covered by undergrowth, waiting to be found by some hunter or logger.

Cooper May Have Been Reported

as a Missing Person

But if this is the case, why hasn't Cooper turned up somewhere as a Missing Person? He gave the appearance of a very intelligent, educated man. This type of person cannot usually go missing indefinitely without being missed, and reported Missing.

Cooper was described as being between forty and fifty years of age, with an olive complexion and dark black hair. He was very relaxed and courteous according to the crew. They think he was about six feet tall, with a slim build and weighing about 170 pounds. He was well dressed in a dark suite, dark grey coat and dark glasses. It is assumed that he was an experienced parachutist and had some knowledge of aircraft, possibly being a pilot himself. Does this description fit anyone you know or used to know?

So, we come full circle and wonder if any of our theories can fit the facts. Maybe the answer lies in a missing persons' file in some small county Sheriff's Office or in some overworked big city Police Department.



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Enclosed is one copy of an article that appeared recently in the Seattle PI. It is written by [REDACTED] and it is concerning captioned matter.

[REDACTED] in his article, refers to [REDACTED] who has written a novel entitled "The Balled of D. B. Sky-jacker". [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] has spent three years writing this book.

This book should be reviewed in order to determine the amount and extent of information that would be available to an individual who might claim to be identical with Unsub in this matter in order to gain financial reward as well as publicity.

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On May 28, 1974, [redacted]
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advised that he has been informed that the ransom list in the
D.B. COOPER case will be published over a period of time in
the "Cross Country News," Meacham Field, Fort Worth, Texas.
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Oregon Journal
1320 Southwest Broadway
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Dear [Redacted]

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Mr. Julius Lee Mattson, Special Agent in Charge of our Portland Office, has brought to my attention the many articles contained in recent editions of your paper regarding the hijacking of a Northwest Orient Airlines flight on November 24, 1971. I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness in bringing the details concerning this case to the attention of your many readers. I am certainly gratified for the assistance you have rendered the FBI and, on behalf of my associates, I convey sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

C. Kelley

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau and Seattle are news clippings from the "Oregon Journal," Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper, for the weekdays of 11/22-12/14/73, publicizing the NORJAK case. In addition to the clippings, there are forwarded to Bureau and Seattle the complete front pages of the 11/22, 11/23, 11/26 and 11/27/73, editions of this paper. These pages are being forwarded in their entirety to illustrate the prominent front page coverage the "Oregon Journal" gave this story.

[redacted] and he spent considerable time and effort preparing for publication. I believe this coverage again demonstrates his constructive, enthusiastic cooperation with this office.

Numerous leads have been received from all over the country as a result of this publicity. Radio and television publicity in various parts of the country has been a spin-off of the [redacted]

It is recommended the Bureau consider sending [redacted] an appreciative letter over the Director's signature. Letter should be addressed as follows: [redacted] Staff Writer, "Oregon Journal," 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97201. There is nothing in Portland files which would preclude sending this letter.

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PRESS RELEASE

DONALD W. NYROP, President, Northwest Orient Airlines, Minneapolis-St Paul, Minnesota, has authorized a finders fee of twentyfive thousand dollars total reward, or fifteen percent ^{of} ~~for~~ any portion of the D. B. COOPER ransom money that is returned.

A man identifying himself as COOPER extorted two hundred~~an~~ thousand dollars from Northwest Orient Airlines on November 24, 1971, while on a flight from Portland to Seattle. He parachuted into an area east of Woodland, Washington with the ransom money and it is possible the money, which is comprised of ten thousand, twenty dollar bills, is still in a wooded area in southern Washington.

The ransom money is marked and all the bills can be identified. Mr. NYROP stated on October 5, 1972, in Minneapolis, that he would not hesitate to authorize a finders fee of twentyfive thousand dollars total reward or fifteen percent for any portion of the ransom money that is returned.

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Can You Identify This Hijacker?



The Crime

A lone white male using the name Dan Cooper boarded Northwest Orient Airlines Flight No. 305 at Portland, Oreg., on November 24, 1971. At approximately 3:22 p.m., while the flight was en route to Seattle, Wash., he indicated to a stewardess that his briefcase contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and two of the airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed which enabled the rear door of the plane to be opened during the flight.



The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle and Reno, Nev., where, when the plane landed, it was determined that "Cooper," two parachutes, and the ransom money had disappeared.

The Criminal

Artist conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibits Section and are considered an excellent likeness. He is described as follows:

Race.....	White.
Sex.....	Male.
Age.....	Middle 40's.
Height.....	5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet.
Weight.....	170 to 180 pounds.
Complexion.....	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth.
Hair.....	Dark brown or black, parted on left, combed back.
Eyes.....	Possibly brown. During latter part of flight he put on dark, wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims.
Voice.....	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular

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lar accent, possibly from the Midwest section of the United States.

Characteristics..... Heavy smoker of Raleigh filter-tip cigarettes.

Wearing apparel..... Black or brown suit; narrow black tie; black dress suit; black rain-type overcoat or dark topcoat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a paper bag—4 by 12 by 14 inches; brown shoes.

Remarks..... Very polite at all times.

Notification

Anyone having any information or knowledge believed to refer to this individual, please notify the Acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. 20535, or the Special Agent in Charge of the nearest FBI field office, the telephone number of which appears on the first page of most local telephone directories.

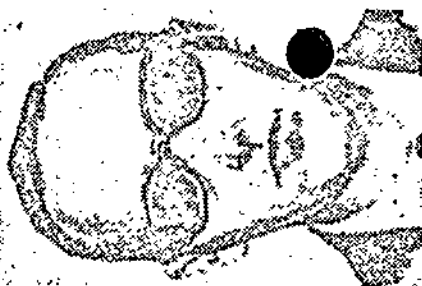
"FINDER" BEGINS OPERATION

A prototype automatic fingerprint reader system, known as "FINDER," which utilizes advanced optical scanning techniques and a computer to automatically classify, search, and compare fingerprints, is now in operation in the Identification Division of the FBI. The equipment will permit the FBI to test, evaluate, and perfect on the job its theories of automatic fingerprint identification which, when fully operational, will insure greatly increased operating efficiency and resultant economies to the Government.

FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin

Dan

Who?



D. B.

BY RICK ANDERSON

The FBI, after 13 months of looking, has given up its man-hunt for the first and most famous folk hero of air piracy, D. B. Cooper.

Apparently the problem was, there isn't any D. B. Cooper. Federal agents, according to this month's FBI Bulletin, are now running around after somebody named Dan Cooper.



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RICK ANDERSON

Dan. Who?

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(Payne once starred in a movie with actor Ben Cooper, and remember, you read it here first.)

Dan Cooper has more hair than D.B., the hairline starting farther down the forehead. The hair is combed differently, from the front swept back neatly to the right. D.B.'s hair was thin, curly, and was seemingly finger-combed straight across like a slightly balding bank teller.

The new Cooper has a wider, thinner mouth, turned down more prominently at the corners.

His cheek lines are deeper, the chin rounder, the forehead broader and creased slightly and, unlike D.B., Dan Cooper appears in new FBI sketches with AND without the infamous wrap-around sun glasses, revealing "possibly brown" eyes.

The FBI in Seattle won't talk about the new Cooper, or why one alias was replaced with another, if that is in fact true, and why suddenly there is, in effect, a new suspect in the world's first successful skyjacking.

"If you want to write a news story about it," said an FBI spokesman, "then I have no comment."

The FBI has been in the past going on the theory Cooper is dead, having been killed during his dramatic plunge from the low-flying 727 jet possibly in Southwest Washington, where major search efforts have centered.

Previous theories about how the hijacker got the name of D.B. Cooper were mainly that he may have selected it at random from the telephone directory in Portland, where he boarded his dream flight Thanksgiving afternoon, 1971.

There was, and still is, a Dan Cooper listed in the Portland book. There wasn't, and still isn't, a D.B. Cooper listed. (Seattle's 1971 directory had one Dan and two D.B.'s.)

Cooper, who at 3:22 p.m. on Northwest Orient Airlines flight No. 305 en route to Seattle, pulled out a supposedly bomb-rigged briefcase; demanded \$200,000 ransom for the 36 passengers and went on to become a folk hero in absentia — inspiring D.B. Cooper T-shirts and a ballad even — is now described by the FBI as speaking:

"Low . . . intelligently (with) no particular accent, possibly from the Midwest section of the United States."

The FBI also says he was "very polite at all times," as anyone with a bomb and a \$200,000 gift might be.

Federal agents also now are looking for a new Cooper that is at least an inch shorter than the previously reported height of 6-1; he's now 5-10 to 6-0.

Some similarities between D.B. and Dan remain — age in the middle 40's, white, male, complexion of "Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth," and he is, or was, a "heavy smoker of Raleigh filter-tip cigarettes," the ones with the bonus coupons.

Last seen, Cooper was cuddling up to \$200,000 in marked \$20-bills and four parachutes in the rear of the 727 heading slowly towards Reno, where, the FBI Bulletin explains:

" . . . When the plane landed, it was determined that Cooper, two parachutes, and the ransom money, had disappeared."

Which is to say he jumped. Into history, maybe into hiding, possibly into his grave.

Whatever, it was his big moment. And somebody messed up on the name.

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Reward offered

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The FBI in Portland announced today that Northwest Orient Airlines is offering a \$25,000 reward for recovery of the \$200,000 ransom paid to skyjacker D.B. Cooper last November.

The FBI release quoted Northwest Orient president Donald W. Nyrop as authorizing the \$25,000 "finder fee" for recovery of the total ransom, or 15 per cent for any portion of the money returned to the airline.

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Reward offered for data aiding skyjacker capture

Hunters have been alerted to be on the lookout for game that's bigger than deer or elk—like money.

Still pressing the search for skyjacker "D.B. Cooper," the FBI has announced that the president of Northwest Orient Airlines, Donald W. Nyrop, has authorized a reward of \$25,000 to the finder of evidence of the missing skyjacker, or

15 per cent of the \$200,000 ransom money the skyjacker is believed to have parachuted with on Nov. 24, 1971.

"D.B. Cooper" was the name used by a man who hijacked a Northwest Airlines jet last Thanksgiving Eve, got \$200,000 and four parachutes from the airline, and then apparently bailed out of the plane between Seattle and Reno, Nev.

The FBI has indicated the belief that the man parachuted in the area north of the North Fork Lewis River and south of the Kalama River.

J. E. Milnes, special agent in charge of the FBI at Seattle, has specifically advised travelers, hunters and others in the forested area northeast of Woodland to watch for the remains of a man, possibly dead for about a year. Other wanted evidence is remnants of a parachute, harness or parachute shroud lines; a deteriorated raincoat or overcoat; and a small briefcase or attache case.

The money consisted of 10,000 twenty-dollar bills wrapped in a parachute canopy. All serial numbers are known and can be identified.

Persons discovering evidence of the skyjacker are requested to call the FBI in Seattle collect. The number is code 206, MA 2-0460.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Washington

Date: 10/19/72

Edition: afternoon

Author: staff

Editor: Jack R. Campbell

Title: NORJAK

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Classification: 164-81

Submitting Office: Seattle

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Information concerning:

NORJAK - letter of SAC re facts and reward

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Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

From SAC letter of SAC dated 10/17/72 setting forth facts re hijacker and reward

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation☐ from informants☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

Keosauqua, Washington PD; Cowlitz County SO; Longview, Washington PD; Clark Co SO; Vancouver, Washington PD; Camas, Washington PD; SOs of Wahkiakum, Lewis and Pacific counties; Centralia and Chehalis PD and Raymond PD

Number of items disseminated: 12

Remarks:

Several copies of the letter distributed to each department to be disseminated within department for information. Various dates of distribution.

Thomas J. Manning

Special Agent

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Ask hunters to watch for skyjack loot

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Hunters moving into the southwest Washington wilds for the opening of the general hunting season Saturday have been asked to look for \$200,000 — the money Northwest Airlines paid to the hijacker known as D. B. Cooper.

And they have been offered a \$25,000 reward if they come up with the whole amount. The reward scales down to 15 per cent of any lesser amount recovered.

Cooper, the only successful parachute hijacker, is believed to have bailed out of a Northwest 727 jetliner last Thanksgiving Eve somewhere over the southwest Washington area. Law enforcement agencies have scoured the area several times but without success.

Northwest, still convinced Cooper didn't survive the jump, hopes a hunter will stumble on the loot.

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The Columbian
Vancouver, Washington

Date: 10/15/72
Edition: Afternoon
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Editor: Jack R. Campbell
Title: NORJAK

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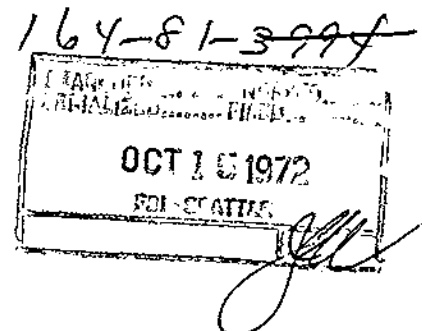
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The News department, KIRO T.V., contacted this office and requested copy of flier being distributed in Southwestern Washington offering \$25,000 reward for evidence found pertaining to captioned case. I advised them that all available fliers had been disseminated but that one would be furnished 10/16.

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DB Cooper-26594

'Pot of gold' for hunters

A \$25,000 finders-fee reward for the return of the D. B. Cooper ransom money was announced late yesterday by Northwest Orient Airlines. A man using Cooper's name parachuted with \$200,000 on November 24, 1971, from a Northwest jet.

The reward coincides with the opening of hunting season. The airline hopes hunters might find the ransom.

Donald W. Nyrop, airline president, said a reward of 15 per cent will be paid for anyone finding any part of the ransom.

Cooper jumped from the rear door of a 727 after collection 10,000 \$20 bills.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

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NORJAK. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE NITEL DATED OCTOBER TEN LAST TO BUREAU AND
MINNEAPOLIS.

ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]
NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES (NOAC), MINNEAPOLIS DASH ST. PAUL
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AUTHORIZED HIS APPROVAL FOR THE RELEASE
THE THE NEWS MEDIA IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST AREA OF THE NEWS
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652 PM NITEL 10-10-72 DCB

TO ACTING DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 1P

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NORJAK. 00: SEATTLE.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU AND SEATTLE,
OCTOBER FIVE, SEVENTYTWO.

MINNEAPOLIS IS REQUESTED TO RECONTACT
AND OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL FOR THE RELEASE OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO THE NEWS MEDIA IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST AREA:

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AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS DASH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, HAS
AUTHORIZED A FINDERS FEE OF TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TOTAL
REWARD OR FIFTEEN PER CENT OF ANY PORTION OF THE D. B. COOPER
RANSOM MONEY THAT IS RETURNED."

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBIWA

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Sub C
164-81-3975



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

October 2, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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Dear Sir:

On November 24, 1971, a man parachuted into the below described area with \$200,000 in \$20 bills. If, while camping or hunting, you should discover any evidence concerning this skyjacking please contact the nearest FBI Office.

AREA INVOLVED:

Bound on the West by US 5, bound on the South by the Columbia River, bound on the North by the Kalama River, and bound on the East by the Skamania - Clark County line.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- (1.) The remains of a man, possibly dead for one year.
- (2.) The remnants of a parachute, harness or parachute shroud lines.
- (3.) 10,000 \$20 bills wrapped in a parachute canopy, all serial numbers are known and can be identified.
- (4.) Deteriorated raincoat or overcoat.
- (5.) Small briefcase or attache case.

If any information concerning this matter is discovered, it should be reported to the FBI Office at Seattle, Washington, Area Code 206, telephone MA 2-0460 collect, or to the nearest FBI Office, which can be found by checking the front of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Milnes
J. E. MILNES,
Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

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to D. B. Cooper disappearance

FBI hopes hunters may find clues

The FBI is hopeful that one of several thousand deer hunters beating the brush in Cowlitz and Clark counties this fall may run across evidence of D.B. Cooper (or whatever his name is) who parachuted out of a jetliner nearly a year ago with about 40 pounds of \$20 bills.

The State Game Department is cooperating with the FBI and will distribute thousands of form letters asking hunters for their help and outlining what to

look for.

J. E. Milnes, special agent in charge at Seattle, asks hunters or campers to contact the FBI if any of the following is noticed:

(1) The remains of a man, possibly dead for one year.

(2) The remnants of a parachute, harness or parachute shroud lines.

(3) Ten thousand \$20 bills wrapped in a parachute canopy. The serial numbers are known and can be identified.

(4) Deteriorated raincoat or overcoat.

(5) Small briefcase or attache case.

Tom Manning, special FBI agent in Longview, urged anyone having any information concerning this matter to report to the nearest FBI office or call the Seattle office collect, MA2-0460.

The area where the search is being concentrated is bound on the west by Interstate Highway 5, on the south by the Columbia River, on the north by the Kalama River, and on the east by the Skamania-Clark county line.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Daily News
Longview, Washington

Date: 10/3/72

Edition: Afternoon

Author: Dick Pollock

Editor: John McClelland

Title:

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Views of News

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nearly a year ago.

The FBI clings to the belief that skyjacker "Cooper" parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jet with 40 pounds in \$20 bills somewhere in the rugged Lewis River drainage country.

Because none of the \$20 bills have turned up anywhere in the country, the FBI thinks the money and perhaps Cooper's remains are somewhere in far eastern Cowlitz County or northern Clark County.

The bureau has spent thousands of dollars and employed the services of hundreds of Army troops in massive searches of the terrain around Merwin and Yale Lakes. They turned up nothing.

"Cooper" is the only skyjacker who has never been caught or identified.

That bothers the FBI and so it doggedly continues to search for its man. It will keep after the case until either "Cooper" or the money or both are found. Such determination is one reason the FBI is such a successful law enforcement agency. They just keep working at their cases until they are solved.

Hunt continues

IF YOU DON'T think the Federal Bureau of Investigation is tenacious, read the story elsewhere in today's edition asking hunters to be alert for either "D. B. Cooper" or the \$200,000 he bailed out of a jetliner with

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

October 4, 1972

SA [REDACTED]

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

SUB E, SUB C, SUB X

Re memo from SA [REDACTED] at Seattle, dated
8/24/72.

On September 27, 1972, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Vancouver, Washington, phone [REDACTED] advised that his
department would disseminate literature about unsub to game
wardens for further dissemination to local hunters in the
Lake Merwin Dam area. He advised that he could probably dis-
seminate 1,500 copies of the literature.

On September 28, 1972, SA [REDACTED] was
advised of the above information at which time he stated that
he would forward 1,500 copies of the literature regarding the
unsub to the Longview, Washington RA for further dissemination
to [REDACTED] (supra).

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AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Will provide [REDACTED]
with literature regarding unsub for further dissemination to
game wardens and subsequent dissemination to local hunters in
the Lake Merwin Dam area.

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8/24/72

SA [REDACTED]

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OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Prior to the hunting season which begins October 14, 1972, and ends November 13, 1972, information and the artist's composit of unsub. should be provided to Washington State Game Wardens that handle the area into which the hijacker parachuted.

In conjunction with this, [REDACTED] Game Warden was contacted August 22, 1972, and he advised the hunting season for the state of Washington will begin and end as follows:

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Regular deer season: October 14-28, 1972
November 10-12, 1972

Elk season: October 30 -
November 13, 1972

[REDACTED] further advised that those game wardens which handle the areas around Lake Merwin Dam are as follows:

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COWLITZ COUNTY

1. [REDACTED] Castlerock, Washington, phone [REDACTED]

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2. (FNU) [REDACTED] Longview, Wash., phone [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Longview, Wash., phone [REDACTED]

SKAMANIA COUNTY

1. [REDACTED] Carson, Washington, phone [REDACTED]

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CLARK COUNTY

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1. [] Vancouver, Wash., phone []
2. [] Battleground, Wash., phone []
3. [] Vancouver, Wash., phone []

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[] stated that contact in the Washington State Department of Fisheries for the for the purpose of disseminating information to persons who might be in the area into which the hijacker parachuted would not prove very fruitful.

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[] explained that the Department of Fisheries regulate food fish primarily and, therefore, their wardens are located along the ocean and the Columbia River and not inland. [] stated that all of the above Washington State Game Wardens came under the direction of []

[] Vancouver, Washington, phone [] stated that information could best be disseminated to game wardens through []

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SEATTLE

At Vancouver, Washington

Will contact []
[] to determine the feasibility of disseminating literature about unsub to game wardens for further dissemination to local hunters in the Lake Merwin Dam area.

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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed is a copy of the May 1972 Pacific Power & Light bulletin's story concerning the FBI search for parachuting skyjacker. This story is being enclosed for information purposes only; however, the following quote from the story is noteworthy:

"The man who boarded the plane in Portland as 'D. B. COOPER' literally vanished into the air that November night and as this issue went to press nothing new had been unearthed in the recent search.

"This fact, coupled with a popular theory that the skyjacker ended up entangled in a tree in below-freezing weather and never made it any farther, may make looking for 'D. B. COOPER' and the \$200,000 ransom a recreational fad on the Lewis River this summer."

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FBI's Search for Parachuting Skyjacker

No Picnic Around PP&L's Merwin Area

PP&L's Merwin Park could have passed for a mini-military base last month when the FBI and the U.S. Army moved in to resume the search for the mysterious "D.B. Cooper" who hijacked a Northwest Airlines 727 last November, demanded \$200,000 in ransom and parachuted with the money into the rainy night—most likely as the plane was over the Lake Merwin area.

The area was pinpointed by the FBI based on the position of the plane when the crew last spoke to the skyjacker over the plane's phone approximately two miles east of Woodland. Winds between 25 and 40 miles per hour were taken into account in determining that the hijacker could have drifted toward Lake Merwin.

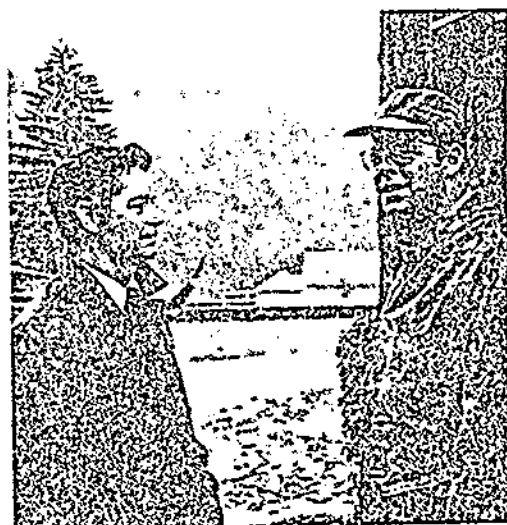
A portion of the Company's property and surrounding area on the Lewis River in southwestern Washington was searched following the skyjacking but the November weather hindered the operation.

Then in March, four months after the

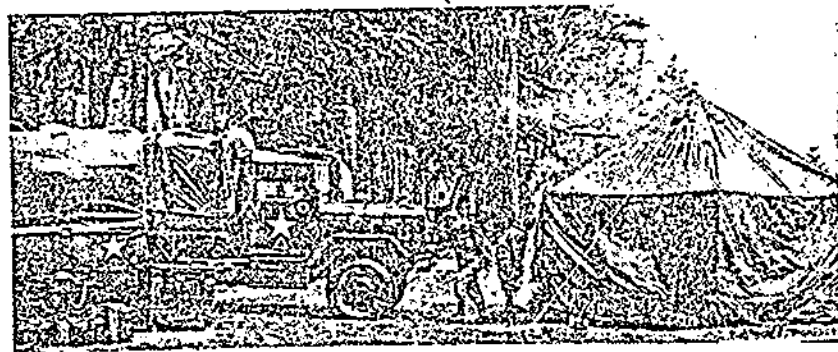
event, the FBI contacted Pacific wanting to renew the search of the rugged, wooded terrain and use Merwin Park as its headquarters. Two weeks later 200 men, nine helicopters and the support facilities needed to maintain the men and machines of the squadron from Ft. Lewis moved into the Company's recreational facility to assist in the air and ground search.

The resumption of the search, although what prompted it was not made public, was coordinated with PP&L personnel. Tom Selliken, assistant vice president in charge of insurance and security, along with Larry Ouzts, loss prevention engineer; G. Eldon Drennan, vice president of engineering and power operations; Stan Piper, division power superintendent; and Joe Nichols, manager of public affairs, met with the FBI to help determine measures that would insure the security of PP&L's hydroelectric dam and property.

Normally open to the public, the park



MEASURES TO INSURE security of PP&L's hydroelectric dam and property was worked out prior to the resumption of the search. Larry Ouzts, left, loss prevention engineer, stops at Merwin Park gate to check in with FBI agent.



PICNIC TABLES ON A HELICOPTER PAD? Pacific's Merwin Park with scenes of Army life—mess tent, military vehicles, first aid truck and helicopters—as the FBI and Army used the park as headquarters during the recent search for "D. B. Cooper," missing skyjacker.

was closed during the search to guard against crowds of curious people on the grounds.

The command post for the operation where FBI agents coordinated men and helicopters was set up in one of the Company buildings at the site. The troops were bivouacked in the adjoining park area which also served as a helicopter pad.

The man who boarded the plane in Portland as "D.B. Cooper" literally vanished into the air that November night and as this issue went to press nothing new had been unearthed in the recent search.

This fact, coupled with a popular theory that the skyjacker ended up entangled in a tree in below-freezing weather and never made it any farther, may make looking for "D.B. Cooper" and the \$200,000 ransom a recreational fad on the Lewis River this summer.

DB Cooper-26605

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Date: August 22, 1972

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
SUBJECT NORJAK
OO: Seattle

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8/7/72. Reference Seattle airtel to the Bureau dated

In order that this case be given more publicity, the following leads are being set forth for Bureau consideration and approval:

1. Mats should be made of the artist's conception of Unsub so that small publications with limited funds can feature articles concerning this matter and include with the story a picture of Unsub without incurring the additional expense of having new mats made (Note: An editor of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars publication for the State of Oregon has requested such a mat to print a picture of Unsub in his next issue).
2. If the artist's conception of Unsub is changed as suggested in referenced airtel, mats of the new picture should also be made.

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② - Seattle
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 5/2/72

FROM : ASAC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

At 12:00 noon I called the Bureau and advised Assistant Director CHARLES BATES that both subjects were in custody. I also talked to [REDACTED] and he read the press release and dictated it to a stenographer of this office. At 12:55 PM [REDACTED] called back and said go ahead and make the press release at 1:15 PM. He requested I call Los Angeles and talk to SA [REDACTED] to whom they had previously spoken and advise them Los Angeles could make the release at 1:15 PM also. I did this.

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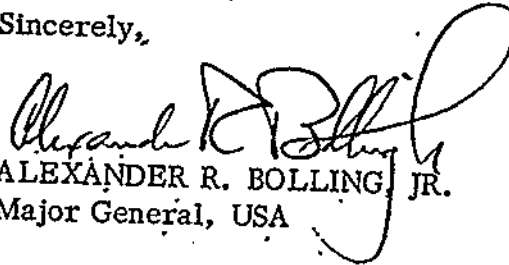


28 April 1972

Dear Mr. Milnes:

Many thanks for your kind letter pertaining to the effectiveness of the Fort Lewis troopers who assisted you in your recent effort. I shall transmit your remarks to those individuals who participated and add my personal thanks for their efforts. Sorry our search did not produce the results we were both seeking. So it goes.

Sincerely,


ALEXANDER R. BOLLING, JR.
Major General, USA

Mr. J. E. Milnes
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

FBI moves fast on hijackers

Quick apprehension of the suspects in two back-to-back airplane hijackings over the weekend is new confirmation of the continuing effectiveness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Likewise, yesterday's thwarting of a half-hearted amateurish attempt at the Portland airport.

More than that, it is a gratifying demonstration that pirating a plane and jeopardizing the lives of passengers and crew in order to extort money does not pay, D. B. Cooper notwithstanding.

Cooper remains the only fugitive who has frustrated federal agents. And none of the money he extorted has turned up. There is no evidence that he survived to spend it, but the fact that neither he nor his body has been found doubtless inspired imitators who used the same techniques. Hopefully, their failure will discourage others who now should realize that the odds are long against them.

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Bellingham Herald

Bellingham, Wash.

Date: 4/12/72

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: WILLARD K. FOWLER

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Air desperados face long odds

It doesn't pay to imitate "D. B. Cooper." If the truth be known, it probably doesn't pay to be "D. B. Cooper," either.

Excellent work by Federal Bureau of Investigation and other law-enforcement agents resulted in the rapid arrest over the weekend of two suspects in separate extortion-parachute-hijacking escapades modeled on the exploits of "D. B. Cooper," who parachuted out of a hijacked airliner with \$200,000 Thanksgiving Eve after ordering the plane to fly from Seattle to Reno.

Of the eight parachute-hijacking attempts, only the "Cooper" case is listed as unsolved. And

he might well have met his fate in the Southwest Washington wilderness. At least, not any of the marked bills he received as ransom have turned up.

Thought is being given in Congress to prohibiting airlines from making ransom payments to hijackers. We doubt that any such law could be made workable.

In any event, good law-enforcement work such as that displayed in the recent Utah and California hijacking escapades ought to have a stronger deterrent effect than any additional legislation — that and stern dealing by the courts with all convicted hijackers.

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**p.A12 Seattle Times
Seattle, Wash.**

Date: 4/11/72
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Henry McLeod
Title: NORJAK

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

4/7/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: SEARCH & PUBLICITY

At 12:15 PM, on 4/6/72, [redacted]
[redacted] Ft. Lewis, Washington, telephone
[redacted] advised that it was his intention
if FBI approval is given, to make a "low keyed response"
to the press to the effect that "we are resuming the
search in the south."

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[redacted] advised that, since the movement of
troops and helicopters from Ft. Lewis to the Vancouver area,
would generate press inquiries" he planned to contact the
press on his own initiative, possibly on 4/7/72, to advise them of
the above.

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[redacted] advised that the Department of the Army had
given its approval and felt that the previous search had
been an excellent training vehicle.

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[redacted] was advised that any clearance would
have to come from SAC MILNES who was unavailable at the time
and he requested that when Mr. MILNES was available that
[redacted] be contacted at the above telephone numbers.

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After discussing this with Mr. MILNES I called
[redacted] back and said that this was satisfactory.

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To: ☒ Director
MECHANICAL SECTION

Att.: _____ FILE

Profile 164-211

Title _____

☐ SAC _____

☐ ASAC _____

☐ Supv. _____

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☐ Agent _____

☐ SE _____

☐ IC _____

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☐ CC _____

☐ Steno _____

☐ Clerk _____

☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Open Case

☐ Assign _____ Reassign _____

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Bring file

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Correct

☐ Return file

☐ Deadline _____

☐ Search and return

☐ Deadline passed

☐ See me

☐ Delinquent

☐ Serial # _____

☐ Discontinue

☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return

☐ Expedite

☐ Send to _____

☐ File

☐ Submit new charge out

☐ For information

☐ Submit report by _____

☐ Handle

☐ Type

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Bureau is requested to forward to the Seattle Division, the following:

100 copies of the ransom list

150 sketches each, of unsub in this matter, showing him with and without glasses.

SAC *[Signature]*

SEATTLE

See reverse side

Office *L*

DB Cooper-26612

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164-81-2623

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/17/72

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Assistant Director BATES called from Divisb6. He said that they had a call from the Public Affairs Officer of the Army.

The Army is sending out to their Public Affairs officers in the field certain questions and answers which they anticipate using in connection with publicity in regard to the search.

Question 1: Is the Army assisting the FBI in its search for a sky jacker? Answer: Yes. At the request of the FBI approximately 200 U. S. Army troops from Ft. Lewis are assisting in the search for a sky jacker, believed to have parachuted in the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, on the 24th of November 1971. There is a possibility this sky jacker could have died in his jump. (The Bureau suggested to the Army that they change Portland to LaCenter, Washington)

Question No. 2 relates purely to the justification for the U. S. Army, which is supposed to be defending this country, being used in a situation like this and in answer to it the Army said they feel it is justified since it came at the request of a responsible government agency and is related to their training program.

BATES did not give me this verbatim since we would not be concerned with it.

Ther No. 3 is another Army question which raises is such support legal and the Army answer is Yes.

BATES suggests that we make no comment other than to say, Yes, the Army is assisting us in the search and we have no further comment.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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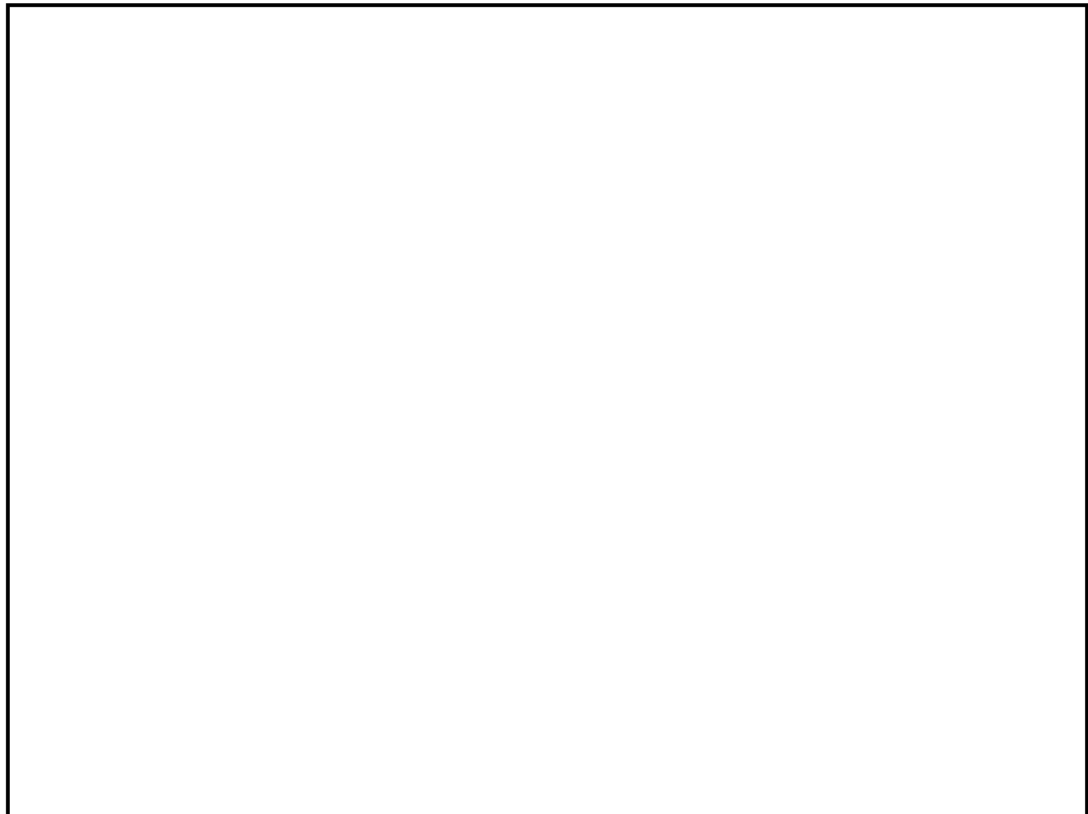
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NORJAK

OO: Seattle

Re Bureau airtels dated 11/29/71 and 12/7/71.

The following law enforcement agencies have been contacted and furnished information regarding captioned matter, and they have been requested to be alert to the possible presence of the unknown subject in their respective countries:



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5 - Bureau
1 - Foreign Liaison Desk
2 - Seattle
1 - Caracas
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This matter will be brought to the attention of the above agencies on a regular basis, and any pertinent information developed will be furnished promptly to the Bureau.

2/24/72

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

NORJAK

Re Air Transport Association of America (ATA):

On 2/23/72, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATA, 1000 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., WDC, telephone number [REDACTED] extension [REDACTED] was contacted concerning possible suspects in captioned matter. Specifically, a discussion was had with [REDACTED] concerning Unsub's apparent bitterness toward airlines with the view in mind that Unsub may have complained to ATA concerning some grievance.

[REDACTED] was most cooperative and stated he would discuss the matter with ATA's Director of the Office of Enforcement. He also stated he was willing to devote an ATA "Security Bulletin" to the matter. This bulletin is furnished to the nation's major airports and also to the Security Offices of the 26 largest airlines. Thereafter, its contents are discussed by the various airline Security Committee Chairmen with their respective groups. In this regard, [REDACTED] was exhibited a copy of the January 1972

2 - Bureau
② - Seattle
1 - WFO

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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[redacted] (164-2) (RUC)

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NORJAK

Re Bureau airtel, 12/7/71.

Ransom list has been furnished to [redacted]
[redacted] and to [redacted] Artist's
conception of individual believed to be subject in this case likewise
furnished to [redacted]

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On 2/17/72, matter was discussed with [redacted]
[redacted] who advised list of ransom bills
had been widely distributed by [redacted] He stated [redacted] would promptly
furnish Legat any information developed regarding captioned case.

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(1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)
(1 - Seattle, Info.)

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FILE (164-81)

2/29/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

SA [] called from the Bureau on 2/29/72 and referred to the Bureau's authorization to distribute a circular letter to law enforcement officers concerning a missing person as the likely subject in this case.

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He said the response has not been received and he wished the reply to the Bureau be prepared at once.

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2/29/72

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (-P-)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Re Bureau airtel to Seattle dated 2/17/72.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a proposed draft of a circular letter to be submitted to all law enforcement agencies.

If the circular letter is approved, the Bureau is requested to furnish sufficient number to each field office so that it can be disseminated to law enforcement agencies within their territory.

Copies of the artist's conception, with and without glasses, are not being enclosed; however, the Bureau is requested to include these in the letters just prior to the description as set forth.

2 - Bureau (Encl 2)

2 - Seattle

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164-81-4331



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D.C.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

On the afternoon of November 24, 1971, a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727, bound from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, was hijacked on take-off at Portland.

The hijacker who boarded at Portland, and who threatened to detonate a bomb allegedly carried in his briefcase, was given \$200,000 in used twenty dollar bills and four parachutes, when the plane landed at Seattle. All passengers and part of the crew were then permitted to leave the plane.

The aircraft took off from Seattle, and the hijacker is believed to have left the aircraft, using the parachutes, over the southwestern part of Washington State.

The hijacker has not been identified and no trace has been found of him, the parachutes, or the money.

A composite description of the hijacker and two photographs of an artist's conception, are set out:

FBI

Transmit in _____ Via Airtel
(Type in plaintext or code)

(Priority)

TO: SAC, Seattle (164-81)

Date 2/17/72

FROM: Director, FBI (164-2111)

NORJAK

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" BB.

Promptly submit your proposal for circular letter in this case for distribution to all continental police agencies for potential suspects who are being carried as missing persons by police agencies. Submit your proposal in accordance with Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 6E.

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FBI - SEATTLE	

1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104
February 23, 1972

[REDACTED]
WEST MAGAZINE
LOS ANGELES TIMES
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, California 90053

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your telephone call
this date.

In the event our Los Angeles Office has
not been able to make descriptive data in this case
available to you, I am enclosing an artist's concep-
tion of the hijacker, one with glasses, one without
and a description which has previously been released
in this matter.

I hope this will be of some assistance
to you.

Very truly yours,

1 - Addressee
① - Seattle (164-81)
PRB:klb

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J.E. Milnes,
Special Agent in Charge

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DB Cooper-26625
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SAC, SEATTLE (62-0)

2/14/72

SPC [REDACTED]

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WEST MAGAZINE
Los Angeles Times
MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] for WEST MAGAZINE, Los Angeles Time newspaper, telephonically contacted this office in regards to a story that his magazine plans on publishing. [REDACTED] advised that he had contacted the Los Angeles office of the FBI and they referred him to Seattle.

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[REDACTED] indicated that his magazine, a supplement to the Los Angeles Times newspaper, were planning a feature article on the "UNSUB; Northwest Airlines Skyjacking," and any information that could be furnished the magazine would be appreciated. [REDACTED] requested that he be furnished with a photo of the composite drawing, descriptive data and any other non*classified information that would assist in writing the article.

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Any information to be supplied can be sent c/o

WEST MAGAZINE
LOS ANGELES TIMES
TIMES MIRROR SQUARE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053

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Director, FBI (164-2111)

February 17, 1972

[redacted] (164-16) (P)

NORJAK

Re Bureau airtels November 29 and December 7, 1971.

[redacted] advised on February 16, 1972, that its alerted police districts have not developed any information to date relating to the unknown subject in this case. [redacted] any information relating to DAN COOPER or D. B. COOPER as described in Bureau airtels.

The composite drawing of unknown individual who used the name of DAN COOPER when he hijacked Northwest Airlines flight 305, as well as a copy of the ransom list, have been furnished [redacted] with the request that logical inquiries be instituted to identify the unknown subject.

Should any pertinent information be developed [redacted] the Bureau will be advised promptly.

5 - Bureau (1 - Foreign Liaison Desk)
(2) - Seattle)

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Date: 2/10/72

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

From: SAC, PHOENIX (164-100) (P)

Subject: NORJAK

OO: SEATTLE

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ReBUairtel to Albany, 12/7/71, and Seattle nitel to Butte, Montana, 12/20/71.

Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation within the Phoenix Division, and two copies of an administrative insert.

LEAD

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

Will contact appropriate information to secure photograph of [] and/or any necessary information to possibly eliminate [] as a suspect in this matter.

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②-- Seattle (Encls. 4)
3-- Phoenix

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Approved: _____

Sent _____ M

Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []
[] at Phoenix, Arizona:

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On December 6, 1971, a memo to all agents, including an artist's conception of the unknown subject, was disseminated in the Phoenix Division regarding the subject's hijacking.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []
[], at Phoenix, Arizona:

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On December 31, 1971, a memo was disseminated to each resident agency within the Phoenix Division requesting that all parachute clubs and associations be contacted for possible information concerning the unknown subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []
[], at Flagstaff, Arizona:

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On December 18, 1971, [] Coconino County Sheriff's office, advised that there were no known parachute clubs or associations within the area of the Flagstaff resident agency area.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA []
[] at Kingman, Arizona:

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Contacts with local law enforcement agencies reveal there are not any parachute clubs in Mohave County, Arizona.

The following investigation was conducted by SA []
[] at Phoenix, Arizona:

On December 20, 1971, [] U. S. Parachute Service, 6876 East Baseline, Mesa, Arizona, was contacted regarding captioned matter. He stated the only person he would consider capable of performing subject hijacking would be a parachutist named [] However, he advised [] was approximately [] and did not match the description of the Unsub.

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[] stated [] of the Regional Office of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, would have a photograph of [] in the event it was necessary to pursue this line of investigation any further.

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[] stated the only man named [] to his knowledge was a [] in Coolidge, Arizona. He further advised, however, that [] did not match the description of the Unknown subject.

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[] furnished the following list of names and addresses of those persons having parachute jumping clubs or involved with the clubs in the Arizona area:

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Sky-Hi Pioneers

[]

(Club: 40th Street, north of Bell Road)

Southwest Aviation
1800 W. Deer Valley Drive
Deer Valley Airport
Phoenix, Arizona
Phone 942-3691
(Owns aircraft used Coolidge/Florence Airport)

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Parachuting Limited

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[] at Coolidge Airport)

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[redacted]

Rebel Skydivers

[redacted]

[redacted] of Rebel Skydivers)

[redacted]

Sky Sport, Inc.

[redacted]

[redacted] at Ryan Field, Tucson)

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On December 21, 1971, and December 28, 1971, attempts were made to contact [redacted] Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which met with negative results.

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On January 4, 1972, attempts to contact [redacted] met with negative results.

On January 5, 1972, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he is the [redacted] for the U. S. parachute association for the Phoenix-Coolidge, Arizona area. He advised that the artist's conception of the unknown subject does not at all resemble [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated the artist's conception did not resemble any of those persons known to him that are associated, with parachute jumping in the state of Arizona. [redacted] was given a copy of the artist's conception and was requested to contact the Phoenix FBI office in the event he encountered someone that resembled the Unknown subject.

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[redacted] (Winslow, Arizona, Airport)

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[redacted] Flagstaff Air-Soaring Club)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] at Phoenix, Arizona:

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On January 19, 1972, a memorandum to all Agents was disseminated throughout the Phoenix Division noting that all local informants and sources be contacted for information of lead value concerning NORJAK.

On January 26, 1972, [redacted] stated [redacted] that jumps [redacted] in Phoenix. She advised she is familiar with a jumper named [redacted] but that he in no way, resembles the artist's conception of the Unknown Subject. She stated the artist's conception did not resemble any one she is acquainted with in the field of parachute jumping in the State of Arizona.

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[redacted] was given a copy of the artist's conception for future reference.

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On January 26, 1972, and January 31, 1972, attempts to contact [redacted] Southwest Aviation, 1800 West Deer Valley Drive, Deer Valley Airport, met with negative results.

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REL: lmb

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following sources were contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] for information of lead value with
negative results:



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

NORJAK

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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 1/24/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle is one copy for each of the February, 1972, issue of "Air Line Pilot," the monthly magazine of the Air Line Pilot's Association (ALPA).

Re Air Line Pilot's Association

On 2/10/72, enclosed magazines were received by WFO from [redacted] ALPA, 1329 E Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (WDC). Page 29 of the magazine contains information and composite photographs concerning captioned matter.

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As previously noted in re airtel, this magazine has a world wide circulation of over 40,000.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

magazine in main file only

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/11/72

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 2/10/72 [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] of
SA [REDACTED] made the following remarks. [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Seattle. telephone [REDACTED] He is employed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The Regional Manager [REDACTED] name not known to SA
[REDACTED] issued a memorandum recently to all his store managers to the
effect that he was aware that D.B. COPPER T shirts and records were
being sold on the open market.

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He decreed that any store-manager who offered these items for sale
would be summarily fired.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

1/26/72

[Handwritten signature]
SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

NORJAK

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Enclosed for the Bureau and for Seattle is one copy each of the January, 1972 issue of the "Parachutist," the monthly publication of the U.S. Parachute Association.

On page 3 is the artist's conception of the UNSUB, along with his description, and a notice to contact the nearest FBI Office if any information is received which might lead to his identity.

2 - Bureau (Encl. 1)
1 - Seattle (164-81)
1 - San Francisco
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1/24/72

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

NORJAK

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of Bulletin
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Bulletin)

Re Bureau teletype to WFO, dated 12/30/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one and for Seattle two copies of the January, 1972, issue of the "Pilot Bulletin," the monthly publication of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA).

Re Air Line Pilots Association:

On 1/7/72, [redacted] ALPA, 1329 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised that the "Pilot Bulletin" has a circulation of 31,000 and that the bulletin is currently being mailed to ALPA members.

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It is noted that page 7 of the bulletin contains composite photographs and descriptive data concerning unsub involved in captioned matter along with a brief editorial which was written by [redacted]

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81) (Enc. 2)
- 1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-81)

FROM : SA DONALD J. STEELE

SUBJECT: NORJAK

DATE: 1/10/72

Sub *Reb:*

On 1/10/72 [REDACTED] MINNEAPOLIS STAR newspaper, called desiring information on which to base a story on this hijacking. He desired to know the FBI techniques involved and the status of investigation. He was advised that no information along this line could be furnished to him and he was referred to the Bureau for such information.

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[Signature]



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/29/71

FROM : SA JOHN L KETCHAM (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NWA, Flight #304
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA - Hijacking; Extortion
OO: SE

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CIRCULARIZATION

Doctors

Most, but not all, State Doctors belong to the Washington State Medical Association, an organization with 3500 members. They are located at 444 NE Ravenna Blvd., Seattle. They use a mailing bureau and have addressograph plates (small charge for their service).

Hospitals

Washington State Hospital Assn., 601 Broadway, Seattle, has addressograph plates, most hospitals, but not government institutions, about 125 hospitals in Assn.

Clinics

Washington State Clinic Managers Assn. has some 35 clinics, and [redacted] Seattle, has a current list of names. (He has Oregon list too).

Travel Agents

American Society of Travel Agents has some 200 travel agents on a mailing list [redacted]

[redacted] and addressograph plates are at Advance Printing, 414 Vance Bldg., Seattle, [redacted] has the plates at Advance Printing, [redacted]

PROBATION OFFICERS

State -

Send anything for distribution to Washington State Probation Office, West Side Center, P O Box 1398, Olympia, 98501, there are about 120 such officers for the state, they will distribute for you on request. No addressograph plates on mailing list.

Federal

[redacted] U.S. Court House, Seattle, has 8 including himself and Tacoma people; Spokane area, 2, send to [redacted] U.S. Court House, Spokane, 99210.

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NR 005 WF PLAIN

5:39 P M NITEL 1-4-72 ASW

TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169)

NORJAK.

NRE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WFO, DATED DECEMBER TWENTY LAST.

RE AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION (ALPA):

ON JANUARY THREE LAST, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALPA, WASHINGTON, DC, WAS FURNISHED COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF UNSUB ALONG WITH DESCRIPTIVE DATA IN CONFORMANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN RELETYPE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN NEXT ISSUE OF "PILOT BULLETIN" WHICH WILL BE MAILED OUT WEEK OF JANUARY TEN THROUGH FOURTEEN NEXT. INFORMATION WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALPA EDITORIAL TO COMBAT QUOTE [REDACTED] QUOTE TYPE PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN HIJACKER BY VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA.

ON JANUARY FOUR INSTANT, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS INITIATED ACTION TO INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB ALONG WITH COMPOSITE IN ALPA MAGAZINE, DUE FOR RELEASE FIRST WEEK OF ENDDPAGE ONE

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FEBRUARY. THIS MAGAZINE HAS WORLDWIDE SUBSCRIPTION OF
APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND.

UNSUB DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI SEATTLE CLR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :SAC (164-81)

DATE: 1-1-72

FROM :SA R. BERT CARTER

SUBJECT:UNSUB;
NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305
11-24-71
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO:SE

Sub C

On 1-1-71, [] Associated Press Seattle Bureau, MU2-1812, Seattle, telephonically advised he now understands the name D. B. COOPER was not the name on the manifest of the plane but that of [] He would like confirmation of this, if possible.

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He was told that the spokesman for the office, the SAC, was out of the city. He requested that the SAC call him or any AP representative on duty on 1-3-72 and advise concerning the above.

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TO SAC WFO

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

NORJAK.

RE WFO TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST
AND SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST AND
BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO DECEMBER THIRTY INSTANT.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO PUBLISH ARTICLE IN
PILOTS BULLETIN USING LANGUAGE SET FORTH IN REFERENCED
SEATTLE TELETYPE. GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARTIST'S
CONCEPTION WITH AND WITHOUT GLASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE BUREAU AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY OBTAINED BY
WFO. COPY MAILED SEATTLE.

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Date: 12/29/71

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 12/27/71, RUDY WEBER, former Special Agent of the FBI, and currently Manager of Security for Vons Grocery Company, 10150 Lower Azusa Road, El Monte, California, advised [redacted] of the Southern California Grocers Association (SCGA), would consider printing the list of ransom money in the "Grocer's Journal", a monthly publication of the SCGA, distributed to most large grocers in Southern California.

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On 12/28/71, [redacted] was contacted and advised he was very willing to print such a list in the "Grocer's Journal", and stated the next issue is to be published 1/10/72.

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Mr. WEBER has advised that [redacted] Bay Area Grocers Association, Inc., 4170 Piedmont Street, Oakland, California, telephone [redacted] could also be contacted regarding the possibility of having the list printed in the San Francisco Bay Area trade magazine.

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In addition, he furnished the following names and addresses of similar magazines distributed widely in the U.S. which might also be considered for such dissemination:

① - Seattle
 2 - Los Angeles

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2:58PM NITEL 12/29/71 VAB

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

WFO (164-169)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

RE: WFO TEL DECEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

RE: AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. (ALPA).

REFERENCED TELETYPE SETS FORTH THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALPA, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PUBLISH INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER IN MONTHLY PUBLISHED "PILOT BULLETIN".

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE PUBLISHED IN JANUARY ISSUE OF PILOT BULLETIN:

ENCLOSED IS AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE HIJACKER WHO EXTORTED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM NORTHWEST AIRLINES ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. THIS MAN IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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RACE WHITE, SEX MALE, AGE MID FORTIES, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BUILD AVERAGE TO WELL BUILT, COMPLEXION OLIVE, LATIN APPEARANCE, MEDIUM SMOOTH; HAIR DARK BROWN OR BLACK, NORMAL STYLE, PARTED ON LEFT, COMBED BACK, SIDEBURNS, LOW EAR LEVEL; EYES POSSIBLY BROWN. DURING LATTER PART OF FLIGHT PUT ON DARK, WRAP AROUND SUNGLASSES WITH DARK RIMS. VOICE LOW, SPOKE INTELLIGENTLY, NO PARTICULAR ACCENT, POSSIBLY FROM MIDWEST SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES. CHARACTERISTIC HEAVY SMOKER OF RALEIGH FILTER TIP CIGARETTES. WEARING APPAREL BLACK SUIT; WHITE SHIRT; NARROW BLACK TIE; BLACK DRESS SUIT; BLACK RAIN DASH TYPE OVERCOAT OR DARK TOP COAT; DARK BRIEFCASE OR ATTACHE CASE; CARRIED PAPER BAG FOUR INCHES BY TWELVE INCHES BY FOURTEEN INCHES; BROWN SHOES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE IDENTITY OF THIS INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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IF APPROVED, A GLOSSY PICTURE OF UNSUB WITH AND WITHOUT GLASSES SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY THE BUREAU TO WFO TO ACCOMPANY THE ARTICLE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE ABOVE WORDING IS THE SAME AS WAS APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION IN THE "PARACHUTIST'S MAGAZINE" AND "SKYDIVER".

SEATTLE INDICES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING ALPA. WFO ADVISE RESULTS OF INDICES CHECK REGARDING ALPA AND ANY REASON FOR NOT ACCEPTING OFFER.

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NR009 WF PLAIN

432PM URGENT 12-28-71 SKA

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169)

MORJAK

REFERENCE SEATTLE NITEL TO WFO, DATED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN SEVENTYONE.

RE AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION (ALPA), WASHINGTON, D.C.:

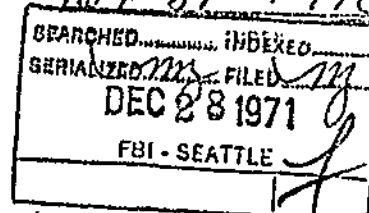
TODAY, [REDACTED] ALPA, ONE THREE TWO NINE E STREET, N.W., WDC, ADVISED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION PUBLISHES MONTHLY "PILOT BULLETIN" FOR ALPA MEMBERS ONLY AND THAT SAME HAS DISTRIBUTION OF THIRTY THOUSAND.

[REDACTED] WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND STATED HE WOULD GLADLY INCLUDE UNSUB'S COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH ALONG WITH DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB AND BACKGROUND OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING IN JANUARY "PILOT BULLETIN", DUE FOR RELEASE LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK. IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED, INFORMATION AND

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642 PM NITEL 12-23-71 GEJ

TO SEATTLE

FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60 1P

NORJAK

RE SEATTLE TEL DECEMBER TWENTY LAST.

ALL SOURCES IN LAS VEGAS DIVISION BEING CONTACTED CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER. BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS PROGRAM REVIEWED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED AS SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED MATTER. NO INDIVIDUALS IN THIS PROGRAM MET DESCRIPTION AND NONE WHO COULD LOGICALLY BE CONSIDERED AS SUSPECT.

BANKING ASSOCIATIONS AND BANKS CONTACTED RE BAIT LIST AND COPIES FURNISHED TO THEM. ALL BANKS ARE REQUESTED TO ALERT EMPLOYEES FOR ANY LARGE DEPOSITS AND/OR EXCHANGES OF BILLS.

NEWSPAPERS IN LAS VEGAS AND RENO CONTACTED RE ARTICLE CONCERNING LIST OF RANSOM BILLS AND ARE AGREEABLE TO PUBLISHING SUCH AN ARTICLE. NEWSPAPERS IN NEVADA ARE AT INTERVALS RUNNING NEWSPAPERS STORIES CONCERNING HIJACKING.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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3:50 PM URGENT 12-22-71 LJQ

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) 1P

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Entered in Daily TT

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RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUTTE AND OTHER OFFICES, DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTYONE.

ALL LOGICAL INFORMANTS IN OREGON ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING CONTACTED

BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND ARE RECEIVING

CONTINUOUS ATTENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

OREGON BANKERS ASSOCIATION FORWARDED PERTINENT INFORMATION TO ALL

BANKS IN OREGON ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SEVENTYONE AND SAVINGS AND LOAN

ASSOCIATION WILL SEND SAME INFORMATION TO ALL SAVINGS AND LOAN

ASSOCIATIONS IN OREGON THIS WEEK. ALL BANKS AND SAVINGS AND

LOAN ASSOCIATIONS IN OREGON HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH LIST OF RANSOM

SERIAL NUMBERS.

SAC HAS CONTACTED OREGONIAN AND OREGON JOURNAL, BOTH PORTLAND

NEWSPAPERS. ENTIRE RANSOM LIST CANNOT BE PRINTED BECAUSE OF COST

BUT FEATURE STORIES OF HIJACKING WILL BE RUN IN EARLY EDITIONS

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DAILY TELETYPE

NORJAK.

WEST COAST OFFICES WERE REQUESTED TODAY TO:

ONE, CONTACT ALL INFORMANTS; TWO, REVIEW BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT PROGRAM WHERE NORJAK UNSUB COULD BE A SUSPECT; THREE, CONTACT BANKERS ASSOCIATIONS AND REQUEST THEY CIRCULARIZE TO BANKS AND SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS TO ALERT THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ANY LARGE DEPOSITS OF TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS OR UNUSUAL SAFE DEPOSIT ACTIVITY; FOUR, ARRANGE FOR PUBLICATION LIST OF IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE FACT THAT THE/RANSOM BILLS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, BANKS, AND FBI OFFICES, TO CHECK SUSPECTED TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS.

SEATTLE ALSO HAS REQUESTED FIELD OFFICES COVERING HEADQUARTERS OF MAJOR U.S. AIRLINES TO CONTACT THE AIRLINES TO DEVELOP ANY LIKELY SUSPECTS AMONG THEIR PERSONNEL OR APPLICANTS, WHO MIGHT FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE UNSUB NOTING THAT HE TOLD STEWARDESS [REDACTED] THE REASON FOR HIJACKING WAS THAT HE HAD A GRUDGE.

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935 PM NITEL 12-20-71 EB

TO SEATTLE 164-81

FROM LAS VEGAS 164-69

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NORJAK

RE SEATTLE TEL CONCERNING PUBLISHING ARTICLE ADVISING
OF AVAILABILITY OF RANSOM LIST.

NEWSPAPERS IN RENO AND LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, CONTACTED
CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF PUBLISHING AN ARTICLE. SUCH AN
ARTICLE WILL BE PUBLISHED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

NEWSPAPERS IN RENO AND LAS VEGAS ONLY CONTACTED SINCE
THESE ARE THE ONLY LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA IN THIS STATE AND
HAVE STATEWIDE COVERAGE.

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11:26 PM NITEL 12/17/71 FCO

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

NORJAK; 00: SEATTLE.

REFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL DECEMBER FOURTEEN AND SEATTLE AIRTEL

DECEMBER EIGHT SEVENTYONE.

[REDACTED] UNITED STATES
PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER
SIXTEEN LAST ADVISED ARTICLE RE SUBJECT WITH AN ARTIST
CONCEPTION WOULD MOST PROBABLY APPEAR IN UNITED STATES
PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION'S PUBLICATION "PARACHUTIST" WHICH WILL BE ISSUED

MIDDLE OF JANUARY, NEXT.

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

RE ST. LOUIS NITEL DECEMBER TWO SEVENTYONE.

NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED] LOCATED FORT BAKER, SAUSALITO,
CALIFORNIA, OR AT SIXTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, SAN FRANCISCO. ALSO
NO RECORD LOCATED FOR HIM AT POST LOCATER OR THROUGH INQUIRY
AT COMPANY A THIRD BATTALION THIRD BRIGADE FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-81)

DATE: 12/20/71

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 315
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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On 12/17/71 I talked to Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Washington Bankers Association, and
requested him to send a bulletin to all of their members,
requesting that they alert their employees to any large
deposits in the amount of \$20 denominations, any strange
use of safe deposit boxes, large payments on notes or
mortgages where bills of \$20 denomination in substantial
numbers are used, and at the same time asked that they
check these bills against the list of hijacked bills.

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TO BUTTE (164-26)

LAS VEGAS (164-60)

LOS ANGELES (164-497)

PHOENIX (164-100)

PORTLAND (164-41)

SACRAMENTO (164-50)

SALT LAKE CITY (164-24)

SAN DIEGO (164-91)

SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

NOBJAK.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT ALL LOGICAL
INFORMANTS FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER
CONCERNING WHICH BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN
FURNISHED. RECEIVING OFFICES ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO REVIEW BANK
ROBBERY SUSPECT PROGRAMS FOR THE IDENTITIES OF ANYONE INCLUDED IN
THESE PROGRAMS WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED MATTER.
ADDITIONALLY, RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT BANKERS
ASSOCIATION OR SIMILAR GROUPS WHICH CIRCULARIZE BANKS REQUESTING
THAT BANKS BE CIRCULARIZED AND BANK AND SAVINGS AND LOAN
ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES BE REQUESTED TO BE ALERT FOR ANY LARGE
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SE (164-81)

DEPOSITS OF TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS OR EXCHANGES OF TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS FOR OTHER BILLS OF ANY RECENT RENTAL OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AN ALREADY RENTED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WHEREIN THE HIJACKER MIGHT HAVE STASHED THE RANSOM MONEY IN THIS MATTER. TO ACHIEVE WIDE CIRCULARIZATION OF THE RANSOM LIST, SEATTLE HAS ARRANGED WITH A SEATTLE NEWSPAPER TO PRINT A SHORT FEATURE ARTICLE INFORMING THE PUBLIC THAT THE LIST OF RANSOM BILLS HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IF THEY FEEL THEY HAVE ONE OF THE RANSOM BILLS THE NUMBER MAY BE CHECKED THROUGH THEIR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THROUGH THE FBI OFFICE.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPERS IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP BEFORE THE PUBLIC THE FACT THAT THE LIST OF THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS, PAID TO THE HIJACKER, IS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKING THROUGH THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS OR FBI OFFICE. -P-

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FBI BUTTE CLR TKS

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/17/71

SA DONALD J. STEELE

NORJAK

On December 8, 1971, [REDACTED]
Division 6 at the Bureau phoned at 2:27 PM and pointed out that the Seattle Division should resolve whether the subject in this case was wearing a black or brown dress suit. He also stated that when the subject is found the Seattle Division should make sure that extreme caution be used in preserving any physical evidence. He advised the Bureau at that time was authorizing the publication of two articles in parachute magazine publications.

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11:07 PM NITEL 12/17/71 DCA

TO PORTLAND LAS VEGAS
SAN FRANCISCO SACRAMENTO
FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

MORJAK

WITH REFERENCE TO SEATTLE'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO
HAVING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISH THE LIST OF RANSOM BILLS, THE RECEIVING
OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ANY SUCCESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

SAN FRANCISCO IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE BANKS AND SAVINGS
AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS TO HAVE THEM ALERT FOR ANY LARGE DEPOSITS OF
TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS OR THE RECENT RENTAL OF A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX OR
ACTIVITY IN AN ALREADY RENTED SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WHEREIN THE HIJACKER
MIGHT HAVE STASHED THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE NEWSPAPERS
AND HAVE THEM PUBLISH AN ARTICLE ADVISING OF THE AVAILABILITY OF
THE RANSOM LIST. - P -

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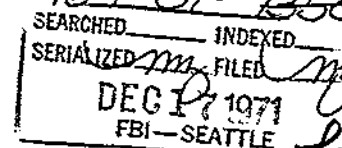
On 12/17/71 I talked to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SEATTLE TIMES, and advised him that the Bureau was unwilling to spend the approximate \$1500 cost involved in publishing the list of bills. He said they still have the matter under consideration and would possibly run the list anyway.

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[REDACTED] SEATTLE P-I, advised that they still have the matter under consideration and he will let me know.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/14/71

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

By routing slip dated 12/9/71, the Bureau furnished 20 copies each of glossy photos of an artist's conception of the subject showing him with and without glasses. Copies of these sketches are attached.

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NR047 WA PLAIN

6:14PM NITEL 12-14-71 LMR

TO SEATTLE

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MORJAK.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING
AUTHORITY TO EXPEND UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PUBLICATION
OF THE RANSOM LIST IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS NOT GRANTED FOR THIS EXPENDITURE AT THIS
TIME. SUGGEST SEATTLE ENCOURAGE LOCAL PAPERS IN SEATTLE AND
NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS' TERRITORIES TO REPUBLISH INFORMATION THAT
RANSOM LIST IS AVAILABLE AND ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TO CONTACT LOCAL
FBI OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONCERNING SUSPECTED BILLS.

SEATTLE SHOULD INSURE THAT TERRAIN SEARCHES ARE VIGOROUSLY
PURSUED BY ALL INTERESTED OFFICES AND SOLICIT COOPERATION OF
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, FORESTRY PERSONNEL, HUNTING GROUPS, AND
OTHER LOGICAL PERSONS WHO WOULD BE IN THE AREA OVER WHICH THE
HIJACKED AIRCRAFT TRAVELED.

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

ASAC CHARLIE DULINSKY called from Las Vegas. He said that with regard to SAC MILNES' phone call earlier today, they had arranged with the banks to check any large deposits of 20's and to advise the FBI of any suspicious situation where anybody attempted to change 20's for other denominations. They have also alerted the casinos in the major cities to the same type of operation.

In regard to the newspaper, he advised that the newspaper in Reno was not willing to publish the ransom list.

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

NORJAK.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER
EIGHT LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO BUREAU, DECEMBER EIGHT
LAST.

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[REDACTED] ARTIST'S CONCEPTION
AND NARRATIVE CONCERNING UNSUB. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU,

[REDACTED]

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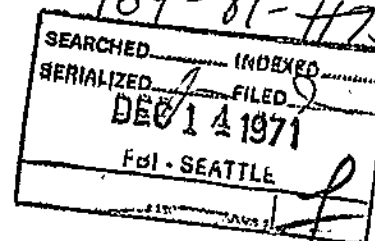
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CASE CAPTIONED

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1144 PM NITEL 12/13/71 FEE

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

NORJAK.

IN ORDER TO SECURE MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE MONEY PAID IN THIS CASE, [REDACTED] SEATTLE TIMES, SAC CONTACT, HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY ME TO DETERMINE IF THE PAPER WOULD BE WILLING TO PUBLISH THIS LIST.

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[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT A STUDY OF THE COST OF THIS MATTER REVEALS THAT LABOR COSTS IN COMPOSING WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THE NEWS PRINT COST WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SHOULD THEY PUBLISH THIS AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE RATE, THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND AT THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL RATE, IT WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE HAS ADVISED THAT BY PROVIDING A REPRINTED MAT, THE COMPOSITION COST WOULD NOT BE ELIMINATED SINCE THEIR UNION CONTRACT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE COST BE PAID NONETHELESS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS INQUIRED IF THE BUREAU WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE ACTUAL COST UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PUBLISHING THIS LIST.
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SE (164-81)

I PRESUME THE COST WOULD BE COMPARABLE IF OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS WERE REQUESTED TO PUBLISH THE LIST SINCE ALL WOULD BE FACED WIT THE SAME OR SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

[REDACTED] OF THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY ME CONCERNING THIS MATTER BUT HAS NOT RESPONDED THUS FAR TO MY INQUIRY.

I KNOW OF NO WAY WHERE THE LIST COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS PUBLICATION THROUGH A DAILY NEWSPAPER. THE SEATTLE TIMES CIRCULATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, ITS PRINCIPLE CIRCULATION AREA BEING THE SEATTLE METROPOLITAN AREA. IN THE EVENT MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THIS TECHNIQUE IS TO BE ONTAINED, THEN I WOULD SUGGEST THE SAME STEPS BE TAKEN BY A DAILY NEWSPAPER IN PORTLAND, SANRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO AND POSSIBLY RENO, NEVADA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF IT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS LIST IN THE SEATTLE TIMES.

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12:03PM URGENT 12-13-71 LXL

TO SEATTLE (164-81

SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

NORJAK. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TELS, DEC. SEVEN AND TEN, LAST.

THIS DATE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RECORDS FOR ALL USPA CLUBS THROUGHOUT U.S. LOCATED THAT
OFFICE ALONG WITH INFO RE PARACHUTE DROP ZONES AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA
RE PARACHUTE CLUBS NOT AFFILIATED WITH USPA.

SAN FRANCISCO AT [REDACTED] OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RE USPA CLUBS IN SACRAMENTO DIV. ALSO OBTAIN COMPLETE MEMBERSHI

LIST OF USPA MEMBERS AND DISSEMINATE TO OFFICE CONCERNED.

AERIAL SEARCH BY BUAGENS OF NORTHWEST FLIGHT NO THREE ZERO
FIVE FLIGHT ROUTE BEING CONDUCTED TODAY.

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ST. JOHN

DB Cooper-26677

December 3, 1971

MEMO TO EARL MILNES

Dear Earl:

After I called you this morning, I told [] I would call back in the afternoon but I was [] and didn't get back as early as I had figured.

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With current events as they are, I know that you have your hands full and I don't intend to take but just a moment of your time.

[] were discussing the extensive list which had to be printed and sent out with regard to the currency which was turned over to the hijacker and the cost (to the taxpayers) which was run up in getting the booklet printed and mailed all over the country. This may or may not be a matter of particular interest to you, [] came up with an idea which might help recover some of those printing costs and, with any luck, might even turn up some of the items which are listed.

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That is for the FBI to get a news release out to every daily newspaper (thru AP or UPI wire) that copies of the list of bills, in booklet form, are available to anyone interested at a cost of \$1.00 apiece. Not that she nor I subscribe to the "hero-worship" concept we've been reading about, but we believe there'd be hundreds who would like to get ahold of a copy...either for curiosity's sake or as a souvenir item. In addition to making the books available for a buck apiece, the news item could also point out that if an actual bill was turned up, J. Edgar Hoover would buy it back for \$21.00, thereby returning their investment on the book.

I know it may sound weird but, on the other hand, I can see how it also might even turn up some real good leads.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 12/8/71.

The San Francisco Office will need an additional 340 copies of the ransom bills paid in captioned case, for distribution to the Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices, District Attorney's Office, etc.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Seattle (164-81)
1 - San Francisco
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AIRMAIL

Money - M
Publicity - C

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

The San Francisco Office has received 100-150 of the ransom bills paid in captioned case. We want to distribute this list to all the banks, savings and loan, Federal credit unions, and hotels within the San Francisco Division. As a result, San Francisco will need an additional 1900 copies of this list.

2 - Bureau
1 - Seattle (164-81)
1 - San Francisco
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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (-P-)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

ReBureau airtel 12/7/71.

Enclosed are three copies of a letter addressed to the U.S. Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C., explaining the photographing at Seattle, of the ransom money in captioned case.

For the Bureau's information, the Seattle-First National Bank, who provided the film of the ransom money, advises that the film may be maintained by the FBI, Seattle, to be preserved as evidence in this case.

3 - Bureau (Encl 3)

3 - Seattle

CEP:kib

(6)

1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104
December 10, 1971

Mr. James J. Rowley,
Director,
U.S. Secret Service,
Room 921,
1800 G Street Northwest,
Washington, D.C., 20226

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Northwest Airlines Flight #305,
Portland to Seattle,
November 24, 1971
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Northwest Airlines Flight #305 enroute from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, on November 24, 1971, was hijacked and a ransom demand made of Northwest Airlines for \$200,000.

The hijacker instructed that the \$200,000 as well as four parachutes be ready by 5:00 PM, on November 24, 1971.

Northwest Airlines then arranged with Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, to make the \$200,000 available and the same was microfilmed for later evidentiary use. The film is now in possession of the Seattle Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

J.E. Milnes,
Special Agent in Charge

3 - Addressee
3 - Seattle (164-81)
CEF:klb
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-81)

DATE: 12/10/71

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 12/10/71 I called SA HENRY SHUTZ at the Bureau.

I told him we were contacting a number of daily newspapers, urging them as a public service to publish serial numbers of the bills taken in this case. I suggested that as an economic matter it might be more desirable to have the Bureau prepare a mat containing these numbers, which could be distributed to newspapers and used by them as a means of printing and thereby, hopefully, be able to encourage more to print the list.

I talked to SA BLAND about this matter and he advised that it would have to be initiated by the investigative division.

SA SHUTZ called me back on 12/10/71 and advised they were exploring the possible costs of this matter and would let us know Monday.

In the meantime I had talked to [redacted] of the SEATTLE P-I, and to [redacted] of the SEATTLE TIMES, inquiring of them if as a public service would they be interested in publishing the list. Both advised it would be considered and they would let us know.

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NR011 BS PLAIN

10:57 PM NITEL 12-10-71 WFY

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM BOSTON (164-153)

NORJAK

INVESTIGATION AT STRONG ENTERPRISES, INC., QUINCY,
MASS., PARACHUTE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, THIS DATE DETERMINE
FROM [REDACTED] THAT MAJOR ORGANIZATION OF
SPORTING PARACHUTERS IS THE UNITED STATES PARACHUTERS
ASSOCIATION (USPA) POST OFFICE BOX ONE ZERO NINE, MONTEREY,
CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSDN
SPORTING PARACHUTERS IN THE UNITED STATES, OF WHOM FIFTEEN
THOUSAND ARE MEMBERS OF USPA. THE USPA CIRCULATES A NATIONAL
NEWS LETTER AND ITS MEMBERSHIP CARDS, WHICH INDICATE
VARYING DEGREES OF PROFICIENCY, BEAR DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION
AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BEARER. NOT BELIEVED THAT A PHOTO-
END PAGE ONE

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Dr. Jones

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1/3/74

From

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Standard Oil of Calif. 3282 Beach Blvd

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

La Habra, Calif

By

[Redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Descriptions:

15 Xeroxed copies of
charge slips billed
to

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5-8-74

DB Cooper-26182

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]

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To [REDACTED]

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THESE ARE PRETTY
CRUMMY BUT DO NOT
APPEAR TO BE ANYWHERE BUT
IN LA AREA WITH A FEW
EXCEPTIONS

Good Luck

[REDACTED]

DB Cooper-26201

File No. 164-497 1A 63

Date Received 12/19/73

From [redacted]

Atlantic Richfield Co 515 So Flower

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Los Angeles, Calif.

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By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes

☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes

☒ No

Description:

4 pages of xerox copies
checks in payment of
[redacted] purchases by
customers with

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4 checks shown drawn
on account of [redacted]

dated

10/15/72 (2), 8/27/73 (2)

CP

5-8.74

FRO

OUR FILE:

YOUR FILE

SUBJECT

DATE _____

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AN IMMEDIATE REPLY WILL HELP FINALIZE THIS MATTER

REPLY

DATE _____

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SIGNED

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and VOLUME 7 FOR (1a58-1a63)

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Item	Date Filed	Disposition
64	8/6/74	<i>this exhibit was in the wrong file should be in 9-5321K</i>
65	1/21/75	Original tape of 12/13/74, 1pm telephone co versation between unknown caller and (mjd) b6 b7C
66	1/21/75	Executed consent to monitor form signed by Northwest Orient Airlines (mjd)
67	1/21/75	note recording info from regarding 11:30 am, 12/13/74 telephone conversation between and unknown caller. (mjd)
68	"	Cassette recording of conversation between unknown caller and (mjd) b6 b7C
69	"	Original tape of 12/13/74, 2:30 pm tel. call between unknown caller and (mjd)
70	1/28/75	Tape recording of conversation between unknown caller and SA (mjd)
71	4/25/75	1 copy photo of (MK)
72	5/21/75	photo of taken 5/5/65.)mjd)

164-497-1A

August 6, 1974

File No. 164-497 - 1a, 65Date Received 12/10/74From [REDACTED]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

NO Orient Airlines

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

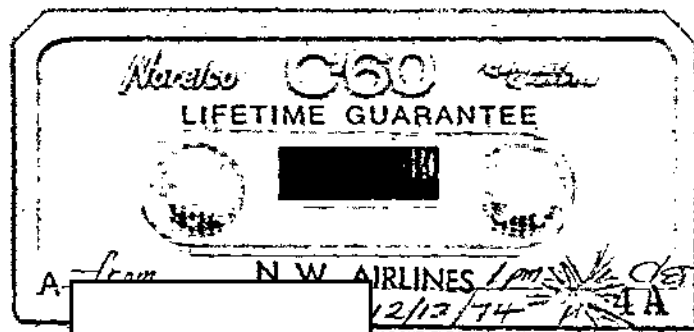
3400 W 6th LA[REDACTED]To Be Returned ☐ Yes Receipt Given ☐ Yes☐ No☐ No

Description:

original tape of 12/13/74,
100 PM tel. conversation
between unknown caller
and [REDACTED] - ~~from~~

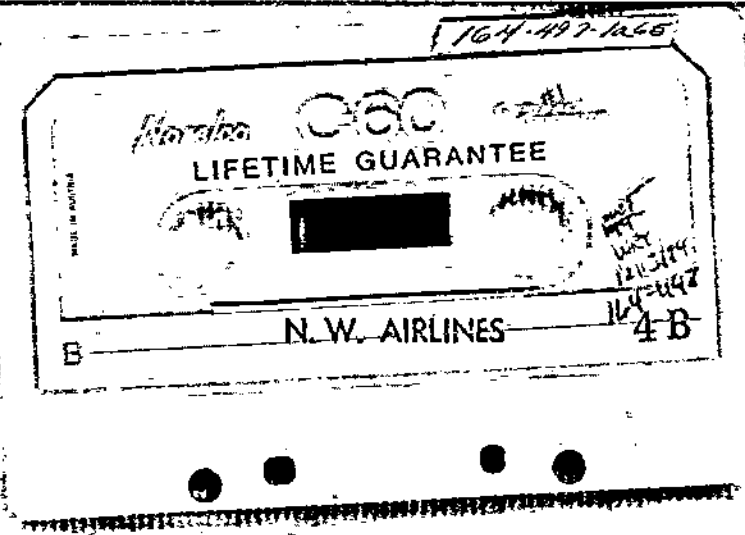
1-21-75 mjd

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DB Cooper-26260



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File No. 164-497-1a66Date Received 12/16/74From [REDACTED]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

3400 W. 6th St. - SUITE 302

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.By [REDACTED]

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes☒ No

Description:

Executed Consent
to Monitor Form
signed by

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[REDACTED]

Northwest Orient
Airlines

DB Cooper-26262

1-21-75 (mjd)

164-497-1a66

Place LOS ANGELES

Date 12-16-74

Time 0925

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I, [REDACTED], am involved in an investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In order to assist in the investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is hereby authorized to monitor, record, and disclose the contents of any telephone call I may receive or make. No promises or threats have been made to me, and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used to obtain this authority. This authorization is void when the investigation is completed.

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Witness [REDACTED]

SA, FBI, Los Angeles, 12/16/74

File No. 164-497 - 1a.67Date Received 12/13/74From [redacted] b6
b7C(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
NW Orient Airlines(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
3400 Wilshire W. 6th LA[redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes☐ No

Receipt Given

☐ Yes☐ No

Description:

[redacted]note recordinginfo from[redacted]

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regarding 11:30AM, 12/13/74telephone conversation between[redacted]and unknown caller.

DB Cooper-26264

1-21-75 (myd)

No No No You're Not
Coming To Put me on Hold
So You Can Trace The Call

THAT'S RIDICULOUS I'm
NOT TRACING THE CALL - WHY
WOULD I WANT TO TRACE
THEY CALL

FIND OUT THE INFO ABOUT
THE PHONES AND I WILL
CALL YOU BACK AT
PRECISELY 1 O'CLOCK

OKAY FINE

DB Cooper-26265

not
not 464-497
12/13/74

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1135

NOV 24

YOU HAD A HS ON 1971

YES

~~IS THERE A~~

~~AND THE MAN FOR THE~~

~~CARRIAGE~~

THE FBI HAS NOT BEEN
ABLE TO APPREHEND THE MAN

YES

IS THERE A REWARD

ONE MOMENT PLEASE

DB Cooper-26266

FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 9-164-497-1a65

Date Received 12/16/74

From [Redacted]

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By [Redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

*Cassette Recording
of conversation between
Unknown caller and*

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DB Cooper-26267



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DB Cooper-26268

File No. 164-497 - 1a68Date Received 12/13/74From [redacted]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

NW Orient Airlines

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

3400 Wilshire Blvd. L.A.[redacted]To Be Returned ☐ Yes Receipt Given ☐ Yes☐ No ☐ No

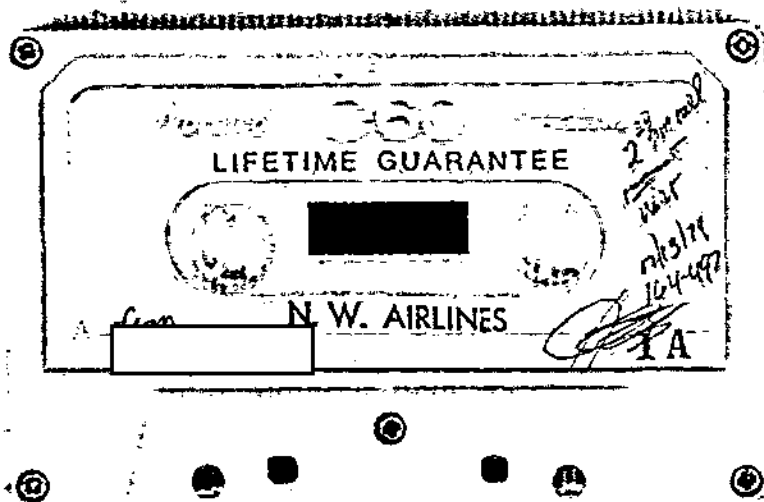
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original tape of 12/13/74,
2:30 PM tel. call between
unknown caller and

[redacted]

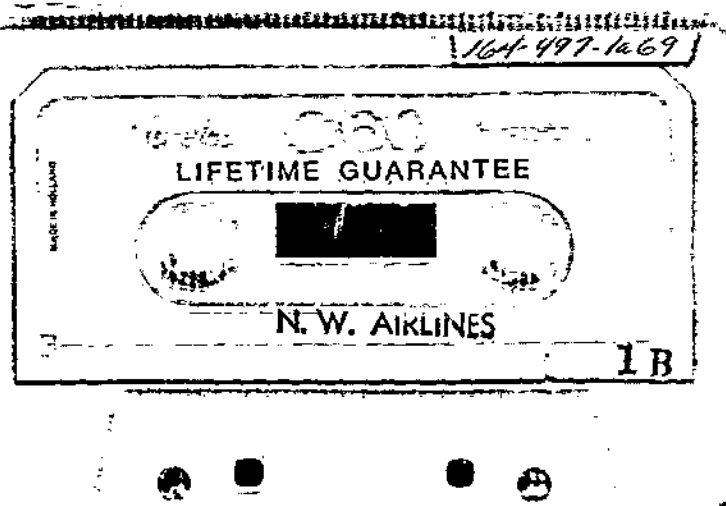
1-21-75 (mjd)

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DB Cooper-26270



DB Cooper-26271

File No. 164-497-1a70

Date Received 12/19/74

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

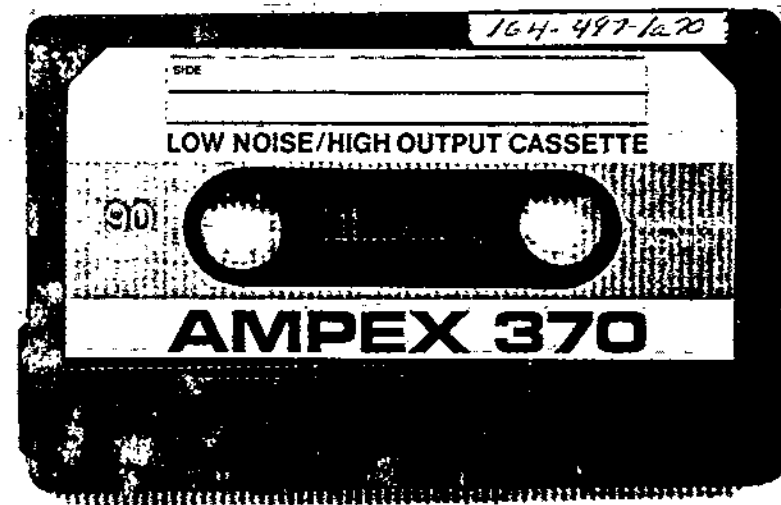
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of connection between
unknown caller and
SA _____

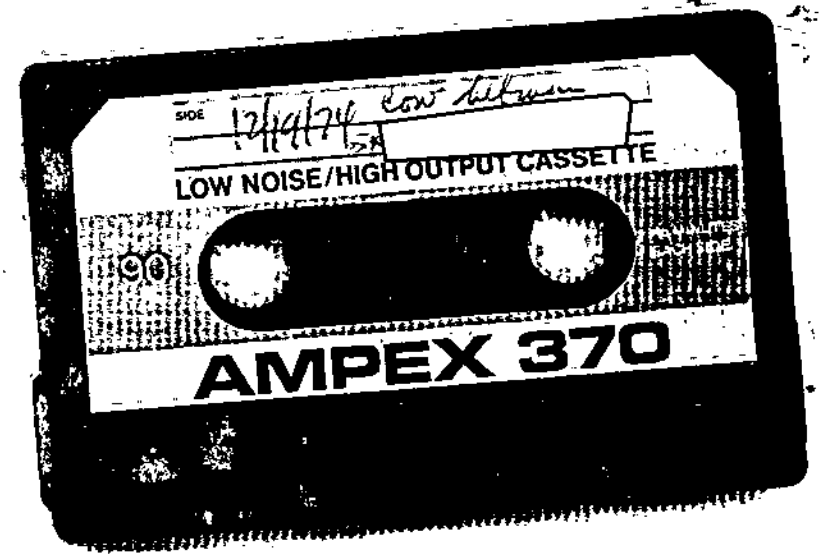
12-28-75 (mpt)

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DB Cooper-26273



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File No. 164-497-1a71Date Received 12-19-74From [REDACTED] [REDACTED] b6
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR) b7C

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (STATE)
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ NoReceipt given ☐ Yes
☒ No

Description:

1 copy photo
of [REDACTED]
(1974)

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4/25/75 mk

DB Cooper-26275

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(photo 1974)

DB Cooper-26277

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File No. 164-497-1A 72

Date Received _____

From _____

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes Receipt Given ☐ Yes☒ No☒ No

Description:

Photo of*taken 5-5-65*

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DB Cooper-26278

*5-21-75
info
CJ*



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164-497-1a72



DB Cooper-26280